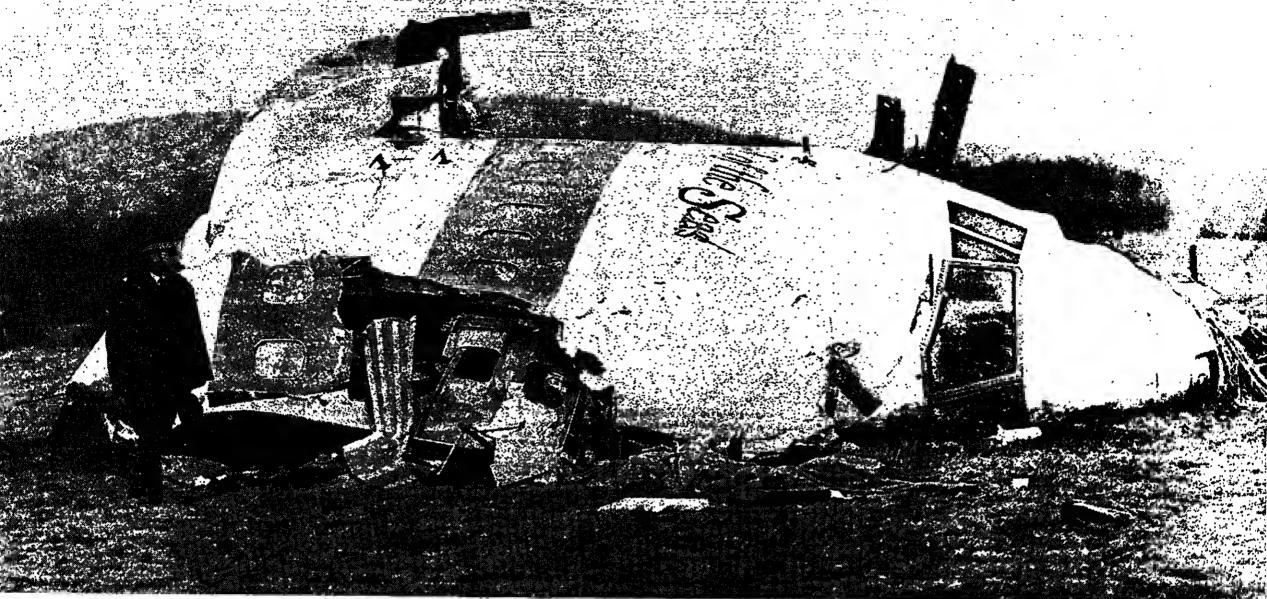
# US was warned of bomb threat



The wreckage: Lying in a field outside Lockerbie, the cockpit of Pan Am Clipper Maid of the Seas. The flight deck itself, surprisingly

# **Embassy bulletin** told of terror plan

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The warning: Section of the letter posted in the US Embusy in Mosco

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bomb explosion.

#### By Michael Evans, Stewart Tendler and Robin Oakley

An international dispute was ians of the Islamic Revolution claimed they developing last night over two apparently unheeded warnings that a Pan Am plane would be blown up, as the death toll in the Lockerbie air disaster

reached 275. One of them clearly specified that a terrorist plot would involve a flight this month to the United States from Frankfurt, where the doomed Pan Am

Flight 103 originated. Both warnings were phoned to US embassies, and in Moscow warnings were posted on bulletin boards. The Americans claim they told all the necessary security organizations. However, last night Heathrow and Frank-furt airport officials denied they were ever

Although crash investigators have yet to decide what caused the crash, which is now

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including four children, on the ground as well as all aboard the Boeing 747, the theory was hardening last night that it was bomb.

The warnings of a bomb plot were separate and specific and referred to an imminent terrorist attack on a Pan American trans-

atlantic flight. They were passed to the US Government from Israeli intelligence and a Middle Eastern informant, it emerged yesterday.

One of the warnings suggested that an innocent woman passenger would be used to

take a bomb on board. Yesterday a group calling itself the Guard-



The cruter: Acrial view of the 30-foot deep hele gouged by the jumbo through the town.

It is believed that, as the Pan Am flight took off from Heathrow 25 minutes late, the bombto the US via Heathrow would be the target of was planned to explode over the Atlantic,

leaving little or no wreckage from which to The informant who claimed to belong to the fanatical Palestinian Abu Nidal terrorist organization, said that a woman would take Last night there was considerable confusion the bomb on board the plane. over what steps were taken and who had been directly informed after the warnings of a

Mr Spiers said US embassies, the Federal Aviation Authority and American airlines were notified of the threat.

In a separate warning, Mossad, the Israeli secret intelligence service, also tipped off the US Embassy in Bonn that an attack was likely. Pan Am said in New York that it had how a Pan Am airliner flying from Frankfurt received notification from "various sources"

that there was the possibility of a threat against an airline in New York. A spokeswoman said: "We immediately acted and put suppleentary security procedures in effect, not only at Frankfurt but at airports around the world."

However, in Frankfurt, Herr Harald Kosel. chief spokesman for Pan Am, said: "I know of no warning about an attack on one of our aircraft, nor do I know if the US embassy alert was passed to our company. I have also checked today with the Frankfurt airport director, who also had no knowledge of any

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### Search for groups with hate motive

different terror groups could have had motives for wanting to destroy the aucraft.

Although sabotage remained unproven yesterday, security services were already assessing which groups were

most likely to be implicated. The most likely culprit was thought to be the Abu Nidal

tinian faction which broke

away from the PLO. A man

The security services discounted early suggestions that Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, might have been involved. These were based on a claim by Mr Yassir organization, a radical Pales-

Abdel-Rabbo, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Continued on page 29, col 4

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Pan Am plane by a woman,

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#### Microscopic clues that may yield vital secrets immediately after Christmas every item of the wreckage to the tapes will be removed establish a sequence of events. the depth of every indentaaircraft, fragments smash into By Harvey Elliott tion. If they discover that the their surroundings at a speed Air Correspondent at least ten times that at which from their crash-proof hous-

In Washington, Mr Ronald Spiers, an

under-secretary of state, said the US Embassy

in Helsinki, Finland, had received a tele-

phoned threat two-and-a-half weeks aso. A

man with a Middle Eastern accent described

it was a bomb and emphasized that it would only take a small device in the right place to destroy the aircraft, especially if the Semtex plastic explosive was used.

pinpoint the cause of the crash,

A tiny dent in a fragment of metal could prove conclusively whether the Pan Am jumbo jet which crashed in

terrorist bomb. Investigators from the Department of Transport's Air Accident Investigation Branch are already examining pieces of the wreckage under microscopes - and measuring

Scotland was the victim of a

metal has been compressed by a tiny object travelling at the speed of 24,000 ft per second they will begin to give scientific credibility to the strong circumstantial evidence which now indicates that PA 103 was the explosive itself in the blown apart by a bomb smuggled aboard in luggage stowed in the aircraft's bold. Long years of patient research have proved that, if a bomb is ers have been recovered from

they would do so if the jet broke up in mid-air and the internal pressure escaped.

They will also be looking for minute traces of burns or of backs of seats and the bodies of the victims.

of the victims.

bomb into fact. They will also Indian inquiry said the actinterview every available wit-cident had been caused by a box" flight and voice record- ness to try to build up a bomb, though no firm eviers have been recovered from detailed picture of how the deuce could be found to prove the crash size and and aircraft broke up and study that one had been on board.

A bomb seems to be the ing and played time and again. most likely explanation. The A computer will then make a accident is virtually a carbon fingerprint" of the noise copy of that which destroyed inside the cabin. If the "finger- an Air India jet off Ireland.

print" matches that of known That aircraft vanished from bombings then this, too, will radar screens at exactly the help to turn the theory of a same height as PA 103. An

# Sabotage theory mounts among MPs

# Bomb aboard or structural defect feared

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, gave details of the Pan Am Flight 103 disaster to a hushed House of Commons yesterday as the belief grew among politicians that sabotage was the most likely cause of the

Though Mr Channon and Mr John Prescott, the Oppo-sition spokesman, who called the disaster a "nightmare come true", agreed that it would be wrong to speculate so soon on the reasons for the greatest disaster in British aviation history, MPs rapidly made plain their suspicions that a bomb had been planted.

recorders had been found was passed to Mr Channon while he was making his statement. But he had already told MPs that the last contact with the pilot, two minutes before the disaster, was a routine one and that the radar return from the aircraft had split into several pieces at the plane's last known position. Wreckage had been spread over a 10-

Most MPs believed that the clear implication was either that one of the safest aircraft in the world had suffered a sudden and total structural failure or that, far more likely, there had been an explosion

Mr Channon, who has in-dicated that a preliminary report on the causes of the disaster will be published in two to three weeks, confirmed that there was no indication of any other aircraft in the vicinity at the time,

At the later press conference he said that the plane had simply disappeared from the radar screen" and acknowledged that it was "virtually certain there would be no

Mr Channon refused to comment later on reports that American embassies had been warned that a bomb would be planted on a Pan Am flight and he denied that any special alert had been in force in recent days. He described stories of reports emanating from Moscow about a bomb threat to a US plane as 'speculation at this stage".

He refused to comment on claims of sabotage by a Middle Eastern terrorist group, but promised that if any steps needed to be taken to stiffen security or safety measures they would be taken rapidly.

#### Thatcher extends sympathy

Mrs Margaret Thatcher spent several harrowing hours visiting the sites where wreckage of the Boeing 747 now lies. She later emerged from the local police station looking grim faced to say: "It is beyond one's expectations. It almost beyond one's imagination or comprehen-

Clearly moved by the horrific sights of the crash and bodies constantly being fer-ried in by helicopters, she added: "You have to see it to realize how bad it is. I would like to say to our American friends that the bodies are being dealt with with the eatest possibly dignity, care

Mrs Thatcher said she had President Reagan before leaving for Scotland yesterday morning. "It is not only terrible for the people of this town and for Scotland, but for and rescuers and investigators United States citizens as most of the people on board are find out what had happened.

security record at Heathrow and Gatwick has been extremely good. There is no evidence that it has failed on this occasion".

In the Commons and at a later press conference Mr Channon was closely questioned by MPs on whether passengers would have been able to board the flight at Frankfurt and then leave at Heathrow while their baggage was transferred to the separate plane continuing the flight to New York.

Mr Channon said that it should not be possible for that to happen but refused to he definitive.

Department of Transport officials said that rules specified that "baggage reconcili-ation" procedures should he adopted if pilots found them-selves with fewer passengers for a continuing leg of a flight than they should have: the remaining passengers should have to identify their luggage and any bags found without an owner still travelling should

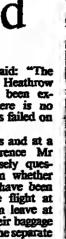
tions Mr Channon said that his department had been trying to get more telephone lines installed at Heathrow for people seeking to inquire about friends or relatives who may have been on the flight after complaints from MPs that the existing lines had been permanently engaged.

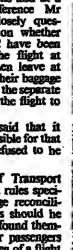
But he defended the authorities' refusal to release the full passenger list in the early hours after the tragedy, ying that it was a difficult balance to achieve. Many alterations were made at the last minute, the flight had not been full and he could understand the reluctance.

When Mr David Steel, Democrat MP, pressed for low-lying RAF exercises in the area of the crash to he suspended over the Christmas period, Mr Channon promthe Ministry of Defence.

He also promised a speedy response to MPs who pressed for rapid financial and other help to the people of Lockerbie and surrounding

Mr Chanpon was less symapthetic, however, to a suggestion that international flights should be re-routed over the sea rather than flying for as long as the Pan Am flight had done over land.







A wardrobe stands undisturbed amid the devastation of Lockerbie. The wreckage of these houses spilled on to the A74 and into the gardens of neighbouring homes.

#### How the bombers can beat security

# Police begin the checks on passengers

One important area for

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

among duty free goods.

announced that Commander London police investigations. First task for the police is to check the backgrounds of all

West German agencies. In recent years, West Germany has been a prime area for Arab terrorist attacks on American targets, culminating

in the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque. One of the men later held for bomb attacks was a relative of Nezar Hindawi, who

tried to blow up an El Al aircraft bound from London two years ago.

urity screening and on to an aircraft. He planted the bomb George Churchill-Coleman, aircraft. He planted the bomb head of the anti-terrorist in the lnggage of his pregnant branch, would coordinate Irish girl friend, but it was found by a suspicious El Al security man.

The bag passed through the and police found 3lbs of Semtex, a Czech-made military high explosive, taped to the base in a double lining. The explosive would have

been set off by a timer and detonator built into a calculator placed in the bag by Hindawi

Hindawi's plan would have succeeded but for the high security consciousness of the

Israeli airline.

transfered on to the flight to New York. Did the airline page a missing passenger in the period before take-off?

Did someone pass through the immigration channels at for the flight. Heathrow from the flight and then vanish?

Police are also likely to try and check on anyone who joined the flight at Frankfurt or London after arriving from the Middle East or the Medi-The Hindawi device, pro-duced by his Syrian allies, the hand luggage of unwitting and immigration records at

As the possibility of sabotage showed how it is possible to passengers in a transit lounge. Heathrow will be checked for secure airports, but security grew yesterday, Scotland Yard get a explosive past the sec- or put on board an aircraft anyone who might in retro- experts accept that the weak spect raise suspicions.

Police are also likely to explore the state of security police will be to trace paschecks at Heathrow for seagers who only flew from Frankfurt to London and did embarking passengers, checks not continue the flight. Such on their luggage and the passengers might have left routine for moving luggage from the Frankfurt flight to the New York-bound aircraft. Yesterday, a spokesman for Heathrow Airport said there

were no irregularities or anomalies in airport security

Baggage checks were carried out by the airline while passengers and their hand luggage were screened. The spokesman said the airport authorities had received no warnings from Pan Am of any threat. Heathrow and Frankfurt are

link in the system is the sheer volume of unsearched luggage checked into aircraft holds. It is almost impossible to search every suitcase and the assumption remains that a passenger travelling in the same aircraft as his luggage is

unlikely to blow himself up. Luggage on Pan Am flight 103 might have been checked in at Frankfurt and put on to the New York flight at Heathrow without being seen by its owner. It is unlikely that it would have been examined at

At Heathrow yesterday, it was a different story. Travellers faced increased handbaggage checks, with particular emphasis on transatlantic

#### **Terrorist** likely to have died in crash

By Harvey Elliott Air Correspondent

The terrorist who may have smuggled a bomb on board the Pan Am jumbo must have been, in his terms, incredibly lucky and probably a martyr

Passenger luggage is stowed either in the front baggage hold or in the rear cargo hold almost on a random basis.

Had a bag been put inside a metal container and housed in the rear cargo compartment of the jet it is unlikely that it would have so damaged the aircraft that the pilot was unable to give an indication of

The rear cargo compartment of the jet which crashed was strengthened in September last year as part of a modification to make the 747 capable of being used by the military in time of war.

A giant new door was added which could have been used to load freight. The floor was also strengthened to take the additional weight and this added further protection to the 135 miles of wiring, cables and hydraulic lines in the

If, however, it had been placed in the front cargo compartment it would not have had the same protection and would have been only a few feet from the main elcotronic bay where the aircraft's essential computers and electronics are boused. An explosion there would have disabled the aircraft imm-

But to get a suitcase into either hold the terrorist would have had to be on board. Pan Am, like most airlines, now insists that each item of luggage is "reconciled" with a

Had the terrorist checked in the bomb at Frankfurt it would have been subjected to electronic scrutiny which should have picked it up. But even the most rigorous check can fail and airlines now insist that each item of baggage must respond to a label on the

Mrs Thatcher is shown the site where part of the jet's fuselage left a 20-ft crater next to the A74 Carlisle to Glasgow road.

firmed that the plane's destruction had been caused by sent a message of sympathy to an explosion, she said: "They are looking for evidence, and we must really wait". been a traumatic experience

of snovne as anxious as anyone to

night. You can see the full enormity of the damage and the way in which pieces of aircraft and twisted metal were scattered over a wide area. It is just terrible."

Mrs Thatcher said she had gone to the site where the

appeared on television at yards from a church. "As you can imagine it was a grief-stricken experience. I am enormously impressed with the work of the emergency services. They are not short of uated from their homes.

expert help of any kind." Mrs Thatcher added that there were 600 people involved in going through fields searching for and retrieving

Mr John Jameson, chief executive of Dumfries and Galloway council, earlier said rooms had been set up at the local school for those evac-

He said the back-up services had done a particularly good job. "We didn't really appreciate the extent of the disaster

### **Duke of York sees** devastated town

himself the devastation in Lockerbie yesterday and said: What I have seen will leave a lasting impression".

After spending an hour touring the area and meeting townspeople, he said he felt sad for Lockerbie, but even more distressed for the American families who had lost relatives. He had earlier called the disaster "horrifying".

The Duke, wearing naval uniform, said: "I've been particularly impressed by the emergency teams. Dumfries and Galloway has had a tough time in the last 24 hours and the emergency services have been particularly valuable."

He said teams of troops were working through the wreckage and he saw RAF search and rescue teams and helicopters at work.

The Duke said he had spoken to people who saw the ball of flame engulf the town. They were all extremely

Although he said he had spoken to some of the investigators, he refused to speculate

and I'm not going to speculate; that's a matter for them." The Duke spoke to some

people who live behind the town's police station, where part of the plane's fusciage crashed into a house. "I was told by one resident

how they managed to get an elderly lady out of her kitchen where she was trapped, with her two dogs." The Duke, a Navy heli-

copter pilot, said such disasters did not put him off flying. "There is an element of risk in all flying and if you allow yourself to worry you would After arriving in Lockerbie

by car from Rosyth, where he was on his ship, HMS Edinburgh, the Duke visited the police station and the military co-ordination centre at Lockerbic Academy.

As be left to visit disaster scenes, he spoke to Mr Charles Price, the US Ambassador. who said: "He expressed his great feeling of sorrow and sadness over the devastation that had taken place and the

# heir people." "I can only say that it is Boeing's cockpit section lies Asked if it had been coneven worse in daylight than it on a grassy knoll barely 100 Different kind of dying puts Lockerbie in year's litany of tragedy

By Brian James

Amid the speeding police and rescue teams, the TV crews and the VIPs, just one vehicle moved slowly up Lockerbie High Street yesterday. A hearse. As it carried a resident to the cemetery, elderly men raised their hats and a PC saluted; for until yesterday that was the sort of

dying that Lockerbie was used to. The people of this grey little town, hefore Wednesday a mere flick of the eyes for people in cars speeding to Glasgow on the A74 but now qualified to stand beside Leninakan in the litany of the year's tragedies, seemed sucked in upon themselves. They scarcely glanced up at the swarming helicopters, and certainly looked no higher to the

contrails in the blue sky. Conversation consisted of a few whispers and many shaking heads. Amid nightmare, normality was something to cling to or, if

necessary, create. Between two houses where gangs were patching torn roofs, a man dug himself an ornamental pond. In those streets less badly affected, pieces of the appalling steel debris that a jumbo had become,

was placed in neat piles by the kerb. As usual when madmen or malicious nature decide to celebrate Christmas by taking the lives of the innocent, it was the fairy lights and the tinsel that

brought the tears. Lockerbie's town hall, over which the wreckage of PA 103 flew in flaming pieces on its way to kill 17 of the town's been on board, is a grey street's one concession to frivolity. It boasts turrets like a Swiss castle. And at this time of year it also brandishes the civic Christmas tree and twinkling lights. Until yesterday, when someone went in and turned off the twinkle because the town

hall had become a temporary morgue. Beside its doors parish notices crowd. Dog minder wanted", "Bike for sale". Yesterday they made room on the board for four lists of those who had survived the fire in the worst-hit streets; handwritten additions had been made: "Family all okay - gone to mother's".

They led one small lady through the crowd. "See there, then, it says so ... she's all right." She read the name slowly

with a little half-gesture "at a time like this", and then the tears flooded. At a time like this.

That's what they were saying to each other, too, in the long lines of little black figures combing the green hills to the west where the plane had begun to fall apart. The searching had been going on since daylight. Even so there were far too many moments when they had to plant another pole with a white flag and send for a blanket to cover a body. Clothing, wrapped presents, items of an airline meal - all were noted, marked down or collected, the gay detritus of people flying across the world to celebrate a

time of goodwill. Knowing the force of the impact, seen in the evidence of the blackened rains on the fringes of the town and spasmodically in its centre, Lockerbie watched with grey faces as platoons of Highland infantry carrying entrenching tools filed silently up the high street to begin climbing the hills. No one wanted to give words to what might face them for, as an official had put it, "discovery is finished ... recovery has begun".

But at least they were professionals. John Rennie who farms up at the top of the hill of the Tundergarth Road had no training for his worst hour. He had been training for rugby when the bung sent him racing home. He took a flashlight and went into the darkness of his

paddock where he found 21 bodies. "It wrecked me. I felt so helpless,

There was nothing to be done for any of them. But one was just a kid. Just 20. I picked up his ID card for the police. He was so pathetic sprawled up against my

"He was going home to his parents and I suppose ...

The hills to the west where the plane began to break up, the golf course on which it left 60 bodies, these had all remained sealed from dawn, partly because investigators need to work undisturbed, partly because the horror needed to be decently shielded.

Up there is where the people of Lockerbie take their Sunday walks, walks that will never be the same again now that they have had demonstrated to

#### THE LOCKERBIE JET DISASTER

# The final resting place of Flight 103

In the shadow of the graveyard at Lockerbie, the flight deck of Pan Am's PA 103 lies almost undamaged, belying the violent and sudden end of its journey to New York nearly two days ago. It may hold the answer to the cause of the airliner's crash — whether it sheared off because of the jumbo jet, because of an explosion, or whether it broke on impact with the ground and huntled into the field to come to rest beside the gravestones.

# Young lovers were among

An engaged couple, flying to with his wife, whom he mar-New York on a Christmas ried only a month ago. shopping spree, were among the 258 people killed on board Pan Am's flight 103 at

Mr Clayton Flick, aged 25, romantic gesture by buying his 25, was a postgraduate student fiancée, Miss Claire Bacciochi, at King's College, Cambridge, her Christmas presents in

Mr Flick, from Brandon, Coventry, and Miss Bac- University, he wanted to ciochi, aged 19, a hairdresser from Tamworth, Stafford- changed his mind at the last shire, planned to marry in the

He booked the flight at the last moment and travelled with his fiancée to Heathrow on Wednesday. They planned Am flight, returning home to return from New York on after a term spent at the Christmas morning to have dinner with her parents.

Flora Swire, aged 22, another of the victims, bought a standby ticket for the flight from Heathrow to New York. She was due to meet her boy friend there, who would have all in their early twenties, driven her to Boston, where studying a wide range of arts driven her to Boston, where she was planning to stay with and science courses. The friends for the Christmas university was in mourning

holiday. Friends and staff at Nottingham University, where she was studying for a PhD in neuro-physiology, described her as "an unusually bright and exceptionally able stu-

Mr Rajesh Ramesh, aged 33, of Eastfield Court, Leicester, was planning a new life in the United States with relatives who live in New

He had worked as a computer operator for British Shoes for 10 years. Mr Ben Gamadia, a close

friend in Leicester, said yesterday: "He was emigrating, so we went out to have a farewell meal on Tuesday."

Mr Bernie McLaughlin, a computer sales director, canght the dnomed flight with only minutes to spare. He left his Bristol office at 3.45pm on Wednesday, giving him about two hours to beat the rush hour, travel 130 miles to Heathrow and check in. Had the 6pm flight not been delayed 25 minutes, he might not have boarded. He was on his way to family in America when the plane crashed.

Mr Bill Cadman, aged 32, a sound engineer, lived and worked in London, where he was well-known in the pop music world. He organized the sound systems for the opening of the Tate Gallery at the Albert Dock and had also worked with the pop group

Pink Floyd. Mr David Trimmer-Smith, aged 50, vice-president of the Oxford University Press in the United States, was flying back to New York after a sales conference in Oxford. He would have spent Christmas

Dr Mridula Shastri, aged 24, a Rhodes scholar at St John's College, Oxford, was travel-

working in the department of experimental psychology. A classics graduate from Yale spend Christmas in Italy, but moment to fly home to New

Thirty-seven students from Syracuse University, New York State, were on the Pan Am flight, returning home university's London base in Kensington.

Syracuse brings 250 students to London each year to pursue the British and European aspects of their courses. Those killed at Lockerbie were yesterday.

One of the families hardest hit by the disaster were the Mulroys of New York, Mr John Mulroy, aged 59, director of communications for the Associated Press news agency, was flying home after a business trip with five members of his family, including his son, Sean, and his daughter-in-law,

Mr Frank Ciulla, aged 45, vice-president of the Chase Manhattan Bank in London, was returning home to be with his family at Christmas. A colleague said it was an extremely sad time for the bank. Two employees were lost in the Clapham Junction rail crash last week.

Two senior executives of Volkswagen America were also on board PA 103. Mr James Fuller and Mr Lou Marengo flew from Frankfurt to Heathrow aboard the Pan Am feeder flight after three days of business meetings at Volkswagen's headquarters at

Wolfsburg.
Mr Fuller, aged 50, married with two children, was vicepresident of Volkswagen's American operation, Mr Marengo, married with three children, was director of marketing

Miss Melina Hudson, aged 16, the first American pupil at Exeter School, where she spent a term studying English, drama, Spanish and mathematics, was flying home to her parents in New York.

Miss Elizabeth Ivell, a teenager from Robertsbridge, East Sussex, was travelling to spend Christmas with friends in New York. Her mother, Katrina, was due to join her vesterday. Miss Tracey Corner, aged

who had previously captained the aircraft that crashed at Lockerbie also died in the

relatives in America.

have spent Christmas with

The wife of a Pan Am pilot

Mrs Ingrid Smith, aged 30,

was returning to America after

18, and Miss Jo Hudson, aged

through the air at incredible speed. "The hail of metal seemed to come out of nowhere. Whatever it was that

over the top of the garage.

said: "I was walking near the filling station with my elder brother George when the world seemed to explode.

Suddenly I saw a ball of fire appear

"There was an explosion and

wreckage started falling down. I started to run away while George squeezed tight against the wall for protection. I saw bits of metal flying

safe to move and ran towards our house that a neighbour stopped me and pointed to the blood pouring down my face. Until then I did not even know I had been wounded, whether it was shock or my over-riding concern about what was taking place, I just do

exploded did not hit the filling station.
It seemed to be behind the garage and

that almost certainly saved our lives.

"It was not until we thought we were

He said his family's home was full on them."

of wreckage. "I don't know what

sent it tumbling onto the pavement. "Mum said that at one point she thought the chimney was on fire and both she and dad were clearly

miracle saved my parents but they told

me of the whirlwind which had carried

a bed out of a third floor window and

frightened out of their wits. "Windows were blown out of the

house and at one stage my parents were convinced the walls would fall in

Mr Anthony Gomez, who from the store to the airport they are dead. I just cannot believe it. I know I will not be able to get them out of my

He said yesterday: "I had a • The first victim from the town of Lockerbie itself was ling back to America with a named last night as Mary Lancaster, of Sherwood Crescent, the street most devastated by falling debris.

mind this Christmas."

#### Townsfolk say it was raining flames

By David Sapsted

One youth thought it was the burning part of the town to find his parents. A passing driver remembered how he had ontrun "an umbrella of

honor of the burning plane passing over her home...and how, two hours later, she joined other evacuees to play bingo in the town centre.

Such were the memories yesterday of some of the 3,000 inhabitants of Lockerbie of the night PA 103 crashed, killing it is believed 275

"It seemed to rain flame". Mr Bob Carnocham, aged 50, a coach company owner, said. He was driving along the A74 when he heard a "terrible noise\_the combination of an

explosion and a roar". "Pieces of concrete started to rain down and hits of metal. The debris came crashing down on my Honda and the windscreen smashed, then a large piece of concrete smashed through the sunroof and landed on the seat next to me. I even found a rivet embedded

in the panel." Mr Robert MacTaggart, aged 17, a waiter, said he thought Lockerbie had been hit by a nuclear bomb when

the aircraft crashed. "I was working at the Somerton Hotel when I heard this rumhling sound outside. The curtains started shaking in the room and then suddenly it all lit up outside - like you'd expect a nuclear explosion to

"At that stage I thought it might be some sort of bomb but then I saw that the street outside the hotel was full of debris - huge bits of metal

with bolts in them. "I realized it must have been a plane: nothing else could have left stuff like that. I immediately thought about my parents - I knew they'd been shopping in town at the

time. "So I ran through the town looking for them and anyone else I knew to see if they were all right. Everyone else seemed to be doing the same. There were a lot of people rushing about and a lot of confusion.

His story had a happy ending, however, when he was reunited later with his parents at the family home, which suffered only superficial dam-

Mrs Jessie McKay, aged 74, described "an awful whooshing sound, like a gale" as the doomed aircraft passed over her house alongside the A74. "How it missed our roof I

don't know", But two hours later Mrs MeKay was playing bingo with others. "It was the only thing we could think of to do. Everyone was so numbed and confused", she said,



Victims: from left, top; Clayton Flick and Claire Bacciochi, B Carisson, Julian Benellow, John Mulroy; second row; Melina Hudson, Josephine Hudson, Elizabeth Ivell; third row; Flora Swire, Ingrid Smith, Irja Skabo; bottom row; Mridula Shastri, David Trimmer-Smith, Helga Mosey, Rajesh Ramesh.

# 'Frightening wind' sucked bed through window

By Ian Smith

A youth aged 17 described yesterday how he was wounded by a sliver of aircraft metal as the "fireball" hit

lan Hamilton, waiting to be dis-charged from Dumfries and Galloway Infirmary after being treated for superficial head wounds, also spoke of the "frighteningly powerful wind" which had ripped through his family home in Sherwood Crescent and sucked a bed through a window. He

22, both from Sheffield, were Hykeham, near Lincoln also on the flight. They were to Her American hush Her American husband, three killed in the disaster had Bruce, was at the controls of a flight from Bermuda to New York when the 747 crashed al crash. Lockerbie. News of his wife's death was broken to him when

seat, having stayed in England the morning of the tragedy.

he landed

visiting her parents in North an extra day because her mother was ill. An unidentified family of

> been buying presents in Harrods just hours before the A staff member at the store in Knightsbridge, London, served the American couple

and their teenage daughter on

works in the shop's export and were very excited. Now bureau, said they were in his department on Wednesday sorting out tax queries

long talk with them. They said they were travelparty from Syracuse Univer-

They were going straight.

# Channon pledges early report on Lockerbie crash

Am disaster at Lockerbie would be conducted with urgency and an initial bulletin on the facts would be published soon, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, told a sombre House of Commons.

A full report would be published as soon as possible. A team from his denartment's

Air Accident Investigation Branch had arrived at Lockerbie just after midnight and had already begun its work, be said in a statement on the tragedy.

During questions, Mr Chan-non said that both of the aircraft's flight recorders had

MPs united in sympathy for the victims and their families and praise for the the rescue and

They also agreed that it would be premature and wrong to speculate on the causes, but several expressed concern over the possibility that a bomb might have been placed on the

and generous compensation for the stricken community of Lockerbie. Mr Channon said that the Government would contribute to the fund that had been set up locally. He would like to see the problem of compensation resolved as speedily as possible.

In his statement at 11am, Mr Channon said that when the aircraft was 20 miles north-west of Carlisle and two minutes after the last radio contact, the air traffic controller at Prestwick had seen the disappearance from his screen of the secondary surveillance radar respons which identifies the aircraft.

The primary radar return from the aircraft then split into several returns around the last known position. He had been assured by the Civil Aviation Authority that the Scottish Air Traffic Control Centre had no in the vicinity at the time.

Wreckage of the aircraft had come down in a swathe of 10 miles or more and large parts fell nn Lockerbie causing the destruction of houses, a petrol station and cars on the A74 and

"It is of course too soon to draw any conclusions about the cause of this terrible disaster." Representatives of the US Government and the manufac-

turer were being invited to assist his department's investigation team in accordance with international practice.

The inquiry would be conducted with all the urgency appropriate to an event of this kind. A full report would be published as soon as possible and an initial bulletin setting out the facts revealed in the first stage of the investigation would be published shortly.

The House will wish to join me in an expression of deeply held grief at this tragedy. "It is already clear that the

#### MPs' recess

Both Houses of Parliament rose for the Christmas recess. The Commons will return on Tuesday, January 10, and the Lords on Monday, January 16.

The main business in the Commons when MPs return is expected to be

expected to be.
Jan 10: Social Security Bill, second reading. Motion relating to cold weather payments for the

Jan 12: Debate on the Chancellor's antonia statemen Jan 13: Debate on Alds.

loss of life is greater than in any air accident that has previously taken place in the United King-dom and as yet we have little indication of the extent of the losses among the people of the "May I also express on behalf

of the Government our deepest sympathy with the American people and our great admiratinn of the emergency services, which served us so well last

Search-and-rescue and sup-port helicopters, aircraft and mountain-rescue teams had been involved as well as ground-support medical and search teams from service units all over

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on transport Last night at Lockerbie, we saw a nightmare come would be done,

He said that their thoughts were with the people there and those in this country, the US and other countries who had lost their loved ones.

Yet again, the House and country paid tribute to the professionalism, dedication and professionalism, dealering and heroism of the emergency ser-vices and to the courage of ordinary people who attempted to join in the rescue.

"In the few remaining days of 1988 and only nine days after the Clapham rail disaster, this horrific aviation tragedy makes December 1988 one of our worst months for deaths in the pas-senger transport industry."

Mr Channon had the full support of the Opposition in ensuring, in the course of in-vestigation, that any lessons learnt were acted upon straight

Mr David Steel (Tweedale, Ettrick and Lauderdale, Dem) said that this area was used for said that this area was used for the low-flying exercises and, although there was no connec-tion between such flights and the crash, people's feelings would inevitably be heightened by it. Could the Ministry of Defence suspend such flights over the Christmas and new wear holidays?

Mr Channon said that he would draw the request to the attention of Mr George Ynunger, Secretary of State for Defence.

Mr Brisa Wilson (Cunning-hame North, Lab) said that Lockerbic would endure a prolonged aftermath of human suffering, psychological trauma and physical damage. Could the Government give an assurance that it would meet these needs and pay attention to the sensibilities of the people?

He paid personal tribute to the local MP, Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries, C), "whose anguish last night was the mark of a man who is truly part of the community he represents".

Mr Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C) asked for confirmation that security at Heathrow and Gatwick was high. Mr Channon said that sec-

nrity at the two airports was among the best in the world. If more needed to be done, it



A grim Mr Malcohn Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, at the crash scene yesterday

Christmas adjournment debate

# **Economic League attacked**

The Economic League, which supplies information on potential recruits to employers, was a pernicinus, insidious, modern-McCarthyite body, Mr Greville Janner (Leicester West, Lab) said during a Christmas adjournment debate.

It haunted the shadows of industrial relations and caused damage to the reputations of

Replying to a request by Mr Jamer for an investigation of the league, Mr John Lee, Under Secretary of State for Employ-ment, said: I will consider what he says about an independent inquiry and convey the conclu-sions of those deliberations to him in due course.

Mr Jamer had said that the provision of information on potential employees should not be left to secret, shadowy

information that could not be examined by an independent

The league was known to be the key organization in the provision of such information, but an important former official had described its central register as "chaotic and more fiction and

Did the reputable organi-zations which made use of the league know that? If they were made aware, would they waste their shareholders' money in seeking information?

Mr Lee said that it was for employers to decide how to recruit employees and they should have complete freedom to do so. Too many restrictions would be a burden on busi-

He denied suggestions that

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the Employment Service might

The league had set itself up as a provider of information and there was nothing unlawful about that, nor was there in employers choosing to use such information to reach recruitment decisions.

"That does not mean that there are not restrictions on the activities of such companies.

Those who provide such information bear a heavy responsibility to ensure that the information they supply is ac-curate, and those who use it should satisfy themselves as to the quality and accuracy of the information by asking a second opinion from a reliable source."

New legislation was neither necessary nor desirable.

#### Political sketch

# Sad contrast in a distracted House

The House met, Sir Philip Goodhart reminded us, under a Goodhart reminded us, under a shadow. He meant the air crash at Lockerbie, on which a statement from the Transport Secretary was promised for Ham. First, though, on this last perliamentary morning before Christmas, Sir Phillip had called a debate on the plight of

Why did that seem a trivial distraction from Lockerbie? By the end of his speech, Sir Philip made one ashamed to have felt

He stared unhappily around him at an almost entirely empty chamber. Even the journalists looked inattentive.

Sir Philip did not minimize the horror of Lockerbie. Gently, though, he pointed out that perhaps 300 have been killed there; while more than 30,000 had been killed, or drowned, trying to flee Vietnam. Sad, he reflected, that slow tragedies never attract the integer of mydgen ones.

rest of sudden ones. It was strictly according to custom that Mr Speaker left, here, for a deputy to take over. But it was an unlucky

Sir Philip described conditions in camps in Hong Kong for those who escaped alive. His halting manner seemed unmatched to the force of his

argument. Nobody in Government, he said, was individually evil. Officials in Hong Kong tried to be kind. He knew the tried to be kind. He knew the Foreign Secretary (Sir Geoffrey Howe) to be a man without cruelty. The junior minister, Tim Eggar, was a generous

Yet the foreign policy for which these men were collec-tively responsible, was wicked. One of the two backbenchers whn had wandered in, wan-

Britain accepted 20 refugees a month, Sir Philip concluded. Though hardly the solution, could we oot take a handful

And would the minister promise we would not forcibly repatriate refugees to who knows what murderous recep tion from the country they had fled? Would the minister renounce a policy "of detention and repatriation of people who have already suffered so much"?

The Principal Doorkeeper, all in black and mileoated like a slender beetle, buzzed in muf-

the House with the bestockinged Assistant Serjeant at Arms. Perhaps it was about the plight of the refugees.

Roger Sims spoke in support.
Then came Mr Eggar's reply. It
was polished: designed (like all
Foreign Office drafts) in explain that everything is more difficult than it seems.

Besides, io this "difficult and sensitive issue", "screening" was "in accordance with established international criteria". nic refugees are "screengenuine refugees are "screened in" and a few extra useful ones can come here.

The screened-out 90 per cent are now "temporarily" to Hong Kong cill arrangements can be made for their "future". They were very much "a residual problem".

The thought occurred that, if he meant repatriation, the future of this residual problem would be to be screened out in the Victong sense. But there was no need to worry. "Assur-ances" had been given and would be "monitored".

So, no, he could not pledge that there would be no compul-sion, or — in his words — "We're certainly not talking about compulsion at this

Sometimes debate - the House brings so little time or attention to matters of great suffering.

At others, as in Paul Channon's statement oo Lockerbie, the House brings time, words, and grave attention to matters where there is every-thing to be felt, but very little to

The unhappy ritual was sen-sitively handled by Mr Chan-non, John Prescott (for Labour) and David Steel, in a packed

But, as an undoubtedly sincere voice intoned "Our thoughts at this time are also with...", nne's own thoughts had left the mock-gothic carving, green leather and muted

What could it matter to those hundreds of people in Scotland; and to those tens of thousands of refugees, murdered, drowned or "screened-out" as the Foreign Office might put it; and to those still alive? Sorry: "the residual problem".

**Matthew Parris** 

#### THE LOCKERBIE JET DISASTER

# Crash plane had 21 mechanical problems

From Charles Bremner New York

The Pan American 747 involved in Wednesday's crash had suffered a series of troubles due to its age, but any structural flaws would have been repaired when the plane underwent modifications to enter the reserve military transport, the Boeing company said yesterday.

Reports filed with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) showed that the plane, a 1970 Boeing 747-100, only the fifteenth jumbo made by Boeing, had experienced at least 21 mechanical difficulties since 1980.

In November last year a 16in crack near the upper part of the fuselage bulkhead was discovered. It was blamed on corrosion, which was also noted in the plane's floor beam and other areas. According to FAA records.

a leading edge slat, a flap that extends from the wings in slow stages of flight, fell off the plane during take-off from Karachi, Pakistan. However, Mr Jack Gamble.

a spokesman for Boeing in Seattle, said the problems mentioned in the reports would have been "invalidated" when the plane was modified for military use in the Civil Reserve Air Fleet

Airlines agree under the findings on a survey of two programme to make craft years of government records available for transporting careo of troops in emergency. It involves partly dismantling aircraft, strengthening their decks for military freight and airline earmarked 19 747s for affected, it said. \$600 million dollars compen- cheaper to pay for increased maintained to rigorously en- pressure bulkheads, and the captain nursed the plane to itical pressure.

From Bailey Morris Washington

This was to have been the year of

recovery for Pan American World

Airways, once the premier of US

airlines which at one time boasted transatlantic and Pacific round-the-

world routes, a chain of luxury

international botels and, in 1948,

was first to offer first class service.

Since buying the first Boeing 747

off the drawing board in the late 1960s, Pan Am's future has also

been inextricably linked with the

jumbo jet, which the airline flies under the Clipper name. But the

Lockerbie crash may herald the

Once-proud Pan Am was strong

internationally but weak in America.

(Robert Matthews writes).

ers, confirmed last night that US Government scientist, early 747s had depleted ara- warns that up to 250,000

to 1,000 lbs as a counter-

tiny particles of the sort hazard", Dr Parker said.

Uranism from the Pan Am generated after a violent 747 may have exposed the explosion, it can be ingested, people of Lockerbie to the risk causing potentially lethal heavy metal poisoning heavy metal poisoning

nium built into their tailplanes people could be put at risk by as counterbalances. The one the 1,000 lbs of depleted ura-So-called depleted aranium,

a by-product of nuclear that temperatures in jet ab-reprocessing, has been built craft fuel-pool fires are high into about three-quarters of all jumbo jets in quantities of up oxidation of depleted uranium.

In the latest issue of Nature. Boeing, the aircraft's mak- Dr Robert Parker, a former

which crashed was only the nium carried in a 747.

modifications, which increase passenger load, would prob-ably have exposed any serious flaws in the plane's structure. On Tuesday this week, the day before PA 103 came down

ageing airplanes safe?" The chances of a life-threatening breakdown in an airliner increased dramatically with its age, it said, although experts insist that well-maintained elderly aircraft are as

safe as new. . The newspaper based its that showed that potentially lethal breakdowns happen three times a month in America's fleet of older passenger jets. The planes of Trans World Airlines were the worst

Deregulation allowed strong domes-tic US airlines to challenge it across

the Atlantic, feeding into their own networks. Gradually Pan Am has

been forced to sell off the company

jewels, one by one, since it hit bottom

Analysts said yesterday that the airline had finally begun to make progress after a decade of financial

strife and was on the way to posting

a modest profit in 1989. Although it

is expected to show a loss this year of

\$90 million, the latest in a string of

losses since 1980, Pan Am analysts

But the crash of PA 103 in

Scotland could coul the high hopes of

Pan Am's new chairman, Mr Thomas Plaskett. He could be

anticipated a small gain next year.

He quotes tests by the US Navy and Nasa which show

"It is the release of airborne and respirable oxide particles Normally it is safe, but in from such fires that present a

than to buy new ones. fuel consumption and reduce Another factor that will keep older aircraft in service is two to three-year waiting lists from manufacturers. Almost a year before Neil

Armstrong walked on the moon, the first productionin flames, USA Today pubfished a front-page story under the headline: "Are our line 747 rolled out of a hangar at Boeing's massive plant near Seattle. That aircraft, built to the same specifications as the one which crashed so tragically at Lockerbie, is still in service with Pan Am.

> average age of 17 years, and Boeing, there is on reason why it should oot be. The current fleet of 710 jumbos - plus another 173 nn order - nperated by 70 airlines worldwide could con-tinue in service indefinitely,

forced safety standards. sation. Experts said the maintenance on older aircraft average airliner is more than 12 years old.

> According to both the airline, whose jumbo fleet has an

operation of the control surfaces, but the defect most Boeing said, as long as airlines were prepared to spend the flight

forced into a sale the airline has

fought to avoid since Pan Am was

put up on the block in the mid-1980s.

by selling its headquarters building in downtown Manhattan, its Inter-Continental Hotels subsidiary, its

famed Pacific runs, and by leasing some aircraft and mortgaging others in its 126-plane fleet, which included

Much now depends on what

caused the accident, in the opinion of

financial analysts. If it resulted

from either faulty, aged equipment or from a new wave of terrorism, the

airline's earnings could be severely

the former queen of US sir carriers,

That would be yet another blow to

38 Boeing 747s.

It has succeeded in staying affeat

Front cargo hold Nevertheless, there mnunting concern about the effects of ageing, particularly in the United States where the

An experts' commission recommended to the FAA on Monday that airlines flying the older Boeing 727s and 737s, smaller jets making more frequent flights, should fix or replace 122 potential items that can cause trouble on bodies, wings, under-carriage and tails rather than Age can cause a range of ordered by the FAA to inspect defects including hydraulic for metal fatients on discounting failure that can discount failu inspect them indefinitely.

feared by pilots is a structural runture that can cause catastrophic decompression and the press flared again in the break-up of the aircraft in America last April with the

gineers learnt the hard way about metal fatigue in the early days of jet flight when the first of the British Comets ruptured disastrously around

the portholes. Concern over the dangers from the world's increasingly antique jet fleet surged first in 1985 when a Japanese 747 suffered a failure in its tail section that sent the plane out of control and killed all 520 aboard. Repairs were ordered on all older Boeing 747s.

unchecked, they could cause rapid decompression and loss of the plane.

Fears among passengers and spectacular break-up suffered ffected, it said.

increasing amounts of time Many points are vulnerable, by a Boeing 737 nf Aloha cident has been blown out of The industry says it is and money to keep them including the forward and aft airlines over Hawaii. The proportion by media and nol-

a company which pioneered in transoceanic flights shortly after its founding in 1927 by Mr Juan

Trippe, a naval aviator. It was Mr

Trippe's dream to provide "mass air

transportation to the average man".

He set about doing that, by in-augurating new flights to Europe, to

the Pacific rim and to remote corners

of the US not linked to the East

In the process, during Pan Am's

"glary days", Mr Trippe established unique relationships with manufac-

turers which led to the development

of whole generations of aircraft. The

partnership created the famous China Clipper flying boats and the Yankee Clipper service to Europe. It was Mr Trippe's financial commit-

Coast and West Coast cities.

points where the metal skin is land with a huge section of riveted to the airframe. En- fuselage missing. Only one person, a stewardess, was killed.

New enlarged rear door

(Sept 87)

Rear cargo hold

The FAA ordered intensive inspections of 737 airframes, replacement of thousands of rivets and crack inspections on a range of older jets. Aloha also retired several very old The incident prompted

calls for a structural inspection of the elderly US commercial airline fleet by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The problems of metal fatique, particularly those resulting from the repeated bulging of a fuselage caused by pressurization, were the priority, the board said. The survey was not undertaken.

Privately, executives in the airline industry say that the importance of the Aloha ac-

ment to Boeing aircraft and to Pratt

and Whitney which resulted in the Boeing 747 jet.

Employees were told "to forget the

He spelled out the hard choices

faced by the airline. After a decade

of high costs, union strife, big losses

and increased competition on its profitable transationtic runs, Pau

Am kad to pull itself out of the doldroms and find new ways to

Whatever the result of the crash

investigation, the future looks bleak for an airline which in 1948 beasted that it was the first in the world to

offer bine-chip first class service.

compete, Mr Plaskett said.

glory days" earlier this year by Mr Plaskett, hired from American

How the queen of the carriers fought on to stay aloft

Piper Alpha oil disaster, for instance.

considerably greater." relatives and those injured

Mr Frank Lefevre, another Mr Frank Lefevre, another finding alternative accom-solicator whose company, modation.

# **British claims** limited unless airline at fault

By Frances Gibb and Vivien Goldsmith

substantial claims for comdisaster litigation.

However, unlike the Manclaims will be strictly limited to a ceiling of 75,000 dollars each (£42,000) unless relatives of dead passengers or the injured can show Pan Am was guilty of "wilful default".

That might apply if, for

instance, the airline failed to take adequate security measures in the face of bomb warnings and could give rise to mounting claims in courts in the United States where awards might run into hundreds of millions of pounds. If a bomb was the cause, the

Government could also find itself - initially at least footing a huge bill for compen-sation under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. Unlike the Manchester disaster, claims by relatives of passengers will not be governed by the Warsaw Conven-tion 1929, but by the Montreal

a 75,000-dollar ceiling on each claim for death or personal That agreement, details of which are printed on every airline ticket, applies to all flights to and from the United

Agreement of 1968 which sets

Mr Rodger Pannone, who brought claims over the Manchester air disaster, said: If the convention limits apply, the levels of compensation will undoubtedly be less than levels recovered in the

"But if, and there is no case, the airline was guilty of wilful default, levels would be

should not at this point be their property. thinking about claims. "They should be helped to and then, when the time comes, go to their local solicitor."

The Pan Am air crash could Quantum Claims, handles give rise to one of the most personal injury cases, agreed if claims were brought in the pensation in the history of United States, then awards could be "extrememly high".

"You are looking at the chester aircraft accident, levels of carnings of the passengers and factors such as how many children there are, But the amounts would be about three-and-a-half times British levels. "For a widow with two

children who enjoyed a good income, you are probably talking about £1.5 million." Those on the ground whose homes and cars were damaged by the debris from the aircraft will first have a claim against

their own insurance policies.

Homes will be covered by

building structure and con-

tents' insurance. The contents' policies usually include a nominal sum for death or major injury such as the loss of a limb up to a maximum of £1,000. Homeowners without in-

surance may have a claim against the airline, as there is strict liability for all damage on the airlines. Motorists with comprehensive policies should have no difficulty in lodging a claim. But those with third party, fire and theft cover would have to show that the vehicle was

just flying debris. Motor policies typically also contain provision for payments for death or serious

damaged by fire rather than

Insurance company representatives are already active at the scene of the crash helping people to secure their prop-

General Accident has set up reason to believe this is the a 24-hour emergency telephone line which will remain open over the Christmas break. It is encouraging home-But he emphasized that owners to go ahead and make temporary repairs to protect

Those who have been made homeless by the disaster can come to terms with their grief; claim up to 10 per cent of the sum assured under either the buildings or home contents' insurance to cover the cost of defuseri

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# Britain defies European ruling

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

Britain is refusing to comply with a European Court ruling that terrorist suspects must be charged and brought before a court within four days.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Hnme Secretary, told MPs that it was derogating, at least for the time being, from the European Convention nn Human Rights and the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, to allow police to continue to be able to detain suspects for up to seven days.

Britain's anti-terrorist laws were held to be in breach of the European convention.

The derogation, under which Britain will withdraw only from parts of the conventions that cover detention, will give the Government more time to consider the European Court judgement and to find a way to period of holding terrorist suspects for questioning. It has been considering how a judge, magistrate or legal panel could consider police requests for ex-

But Mr Hard told the Commons standing committee on the Prevention of Terrorism Bill that further reflection and consultation was necessary. He said the Government wished to find a judicial solution. His remarks gave MPs the clear impression that if the Government cannot find a satisfactory solution the withdrawal will be permanent.

The European Court ruled that the detention of four men for more than four days in 1984 breached the convention.

The Government's decision was denounced by the Labour Party. Mr Barry Sheerman, its home affairs spokesman, said the decision could harm international co-operation to defeat terrorism. Mr Peter Archer, OC, a former Labour Solicitor General, said that derogations were supposed in be made only when war or other public emergencies threatened the life of the nation".

Miss Marjorie Mowlam, the Northern Ireland spokesman, said the Government seemed intent on dragging Britain's reputation through the mud. "The Government has missed the chance to make progress towards restoring respect for the rule of law in Northern Ireland."

But Mr Hurd said the Government was determined police should continue to have the powers they needed to counter terrorism, and to be able to detain suspects for up to seven days. Other countries held suspects "for months", but did not fall foul of the

convention because of their system of examining magistrates. "We are also concerned that information about terrorist intencase for an extension of detention, does not find its way back to the terrorists as a consequence of judicial procedures which, at least in the United Kingdom legal tradition, generally require someone accused and his legal advisers to know the information alleged against him."

 The Government is unlikely to announce before the new year a decision on whether to request the Irish government to prosecute the terrorist suspect Father Patrick Ryan.

The news was given by Whitehall sources as the Metropolitan Police continued with interviews of about 60 witnesses who would need to be called if there were a trial under the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act. Britain cannot compel the witnesses to attend a court in the Irish Republic and Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, considers their personal security is

#### Bomb blast soldier is jailed for 10 years

A young soldier was jailed for 10 years yesterday after a boy was scarred for life by his

home-made bomb.

James Cobb, aged 19, voted the best recruit of his year by officers from the Second Battalion, Royal Green Jackets, wanted to see a stranger become the victim of his "morbid curiosity" the Central

Criminal Court was told. He planted the comple device in a busy area near his home. Michael Walsh, aged four, was playing when he picked up the bomb in a

bottle, thinking it was a drink. There was a hage explosion and he was turned into 2 fireball. Mr John Bevan, for the prosecution, said it was a miracle the boy survived.

Cobb, of Haywards Gardens, Putney, south-west Lon-don, was found guilty of using explosives with intent to main, burn, disfigure or cause serious bodily harm. He ad-mitted processing other explomitted possessing other explo-sives and 180 rounds of

He told police: "I was bored and a bit depressed. I just wanted to see it go bang." Mr Bevan suid: "It was done out of morbid curiosity or some other unbealthy motive con-nected to his fascination with

Portfolio Accumulator

A chartered accountant, Mr Dougal Wilson-Cronme. from Bournemouth, Dorset, was the sole winner of yesterday's top Portfolio prize of £4,000. Mr Wilson-Croome, aged 33 and a reader of The Times since a student, plans to buy diving equipment.

#### **NEWS ROUNDUP**

# Surrey murder suspect in court

An unemployed man aged 20 was remanded in police custody for three days yesterday, accused of murdering Mr Peter Hurburgh, aged 57, a hairdresser whose body was found trussed up in a field after his car was ambushed at Warlingham, Surrey, last Friday.

Raphael George Rowe, of Sydenham, south-cast London, appeared before magistrates at Reigate, Surrey, where he was also charged with attempting to murder Mr Tim Napier, aged 41, at his home in Oxted, Surrey, and with two counts of robbery.

Later a second man, aged 22 and also from Sydenham, appeared in Reigate Magistrates' Court facing the same charges.Mr Rowe will appear in court again on Boxing Day

#### Crossbow evidence

Jane Salveson, the London design consultant accused of killing another woman with a crossbow, has "authoritative" new evidence that will prove she is innocent, a court was told yesterday. Miss Salveson, aged 35, is charged with murdering Miss Diana Maw on July 20 this year. Yesterday, Mr Brian Raymond, Miss Salveson's solicitor, tuld Ealing Magistrates' Court that he had strong evidence to prove his client's innocence.

### Bill to control racing

A Bill will be introduced next month setting up a British Racing Commission, covering borse and dog racing, betting and breeding. Mr Alan Meale, Labour MP for Mansfield, queued all night outside the Commons' Public Bill Office to win the right to introduce the Bill. It is expected to receive its first, formal reading on January 24, but stands virtually no chance of getting through.

#### Strike call criticized

The National Association of Port Employers yesterday described a strike call by leaders of Britain's 9,500 registered dockworkers as "futile and wrongly directed". The Transport and General Workers' Union is to ballot the dockers on an indefinite national strike in defence of the National Dock Labour Scheme, which effectively guarantees them a jub far life. It decided on the ballot after two employers - scrap-metal companies - nn Clydeside refused earlier this month to use dockers registered with the scheme

### Hunt for girl's killer

Detectives hunting the killer of Gaynor Batty, aged 14, last night appealed for two men seen talking to her shortly before she disappeared to come forward. The girl was strangled after being sexually assaulted. Her body was found on Wednesday by an attendant at a multi-storey car park. She was attacked as she made her way to her karate lesson in Crowree leisure centre, Sunderland. Her cousin said she saw Gaynor, of Rosemount, South Hylton, talking to the men, aged about 18, about 15 minutes before class.

#### Incendiary devices defused

Members of the Animal Liberation Front are believed to have planted further incendiary devices in stores.

A man has claimed he was treated like a crank when he tried to raise the alarm about one of them.

The suspect packages were found in the men's clothing department at the Kendal Milne department store in Deansgate, Manchester, and in the stationery department at Lewis's in Ranelagh Street, Liverpool, Both were made

safe. Mr Brian Reid, of Clayton, Manchester, said a 999 np-erator refused to take him seriously when he told how a crossed telephone line allowed him to eavesdrop on the Manchester conspiracy.

He then tried to ring a city police station but failed to get through. Eventually he raised the alarm by telephoning a newspaper office.

# Sound start to charity spot with LSO



Mrs Vivien Fisher, a housewife from Strond, Gloncestershire, who bid £1,000 in the BBC Children in Need appeal to play with the London Symphony Orchestra, prepares for her moment of glory tonight at the Barbican with Ron Forfar, one of several stars from *Bread*, the comedy series, who are also joining the performance of the Toy Symphony, by Mozart.

IRA explosives cache

### Police scour London for unit

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard detectives are houses" used by the IRA London. active service unit uncovered when a terrorist shot a wouldbe car thief, leading police to a massive bomb factory in Clapham, south London.

As the search continued yesterday, the Yard issued an artist's impression of the gunman. He is described as having a soft Irish accent, is aged about 30-35, and is 6 ft with dark, wavy hair. He may be wearing a full-length leather coat.

Commander George Chur-chill-Coleman, head of the Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said police believed the gunman and a second man wanted for questioning were still on the British mainland.

Scotland Yard officers suspect that they and other members of the IRA unit may have used the Clapham flat

purely as a bomb factory and London addresses in search of searching London for "safe lived somewhere else in

> The pair are thought to have used a range of false names and the two cars linked to them were hought or hired with false identities.



The result was that cases of

In the wake of the discovery

the unit's headquarters. Mr Churchill-Coleman confirmed that their list included one residence in Leyton, north-

east London. Details of the two men in the Clapham flat have been sent to the RUC in Northern Ireland and the Garda in the Police have raided up to 10 Republic for possible matching against known IRA operators. Fingerprints are being matched with a huge IRA collection built up by the Yard

> Mr Churchill-Coleman said he could not fully explain what the gunman was doing when a youth of 18 apparently tried the door of the Renault

> The gunman was in the rear of the car, either sleeping or hiding. He shot the youth and ran to the flat. He and the second wanted man fled in a red Rover car, later aban-doned in north London.

# Currie was misled, consultant says

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent Mrs Edwina Currie, who re- North said. Information sup-

signed as Under Secretary of plied by the Communicable State for Health last week, was Disease Surveillance Centre misled on statistics relating to had later been misinterpreted. salmnnella contamination in egg production, an independent environmental health consultant said yesterday.

For example, no distinction had been made between eggs and egg products, such as mayonnaise, he added.

Mr Richard North, a former Mr Richard North, a former local authority officer whn specializes in cases of food poisoning, said that, given her understanding of the information supplied to her, Mrs the result was that cases of salmonella had been attributed to infection in the eggs, when it was more probable that the contamination was the result of unhygienic Currie would have been wrong not to say what she did in alleging that most egg produc-tion in Britain was infected by of contaminated beef from the Irish Republic to a factory

mrs Currie has been invited to appear before the Communs Select Committee an Agriculture, which has also asked the Department of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture to supply the briefing papers that were prepared for Mrs Currie.

the Irish Republic to a factory in Cornwall, there was scepticism last night about the assurance from Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, that none of it had entered the food chain.

The ministry said that, although some meat might have found its way into other more strict conpared for Mrs Currie.

"I honestly believe that she may have been set up", Mr from being released.

By Jill Sherman

dren's, the West London, and St Mary Abbots are to close by 1992 in a controversial plan to build a £135 million teaching

hospital in west London.

The 660-bed Westminster and Chelsea Hospital will be built on the site of St Stephen's and will be paid for by the sale of the four other sites. The sale of St Mary Abbots alone is expected to raise enough money to build the new

The health service is losing

#### 5 London hospitals to close

Five London hospitals, the Westminster, St Stephen's, Fulham, Westminster Chil-

hospital

Approving the programme yesterday Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said that the new hospital would greatly improve health services in the capital.

more than £4 million a year from theft and vandalism, a report by the National Associ-ation of Health Authorities

#### Cancer link with passive smoking By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The findings also suggest

could ever be developed.

Scientists examined lung tissue of individuals who smaked between five and 40 cigarettes a day and found that the extent of damage to the strands of DNA at the heart of cash call which control to the strands of DNA at the heart of the scientists had detected the strands of DNA at the heart of the scientists had detected the strands of DNA at the heart of the scientists had detected the strands of DNA at the heart of these compounds in the scientists had detected the scienti each cell, which control traces of these compounds in cancer and why about 10 per growth, is directly related to the number of cigarettes non-smokers. Unadulterated smokers.

The harmful effect of passive smoked. Non-smokers were tobacco contains more than smoking, in which non-smokers included in the laboratory analyses by the research estarch which establishes positively the link between cigarettes and lung cancer.

The findings also supports to bacco contains more than 100 acco contains more than 2,500 identified constitutents in addition to habit-forming nicotine alkaloids.

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ner, at York University, which that it is increasingly unlikely used a sensitive new bioassay that a safe tobacco cigarette to identify chemical agents obtained during lung surgery.

found in many plants and at least 30 metallic compounds. Although the dangerous residues left in the lungs have been identified after burning,

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# as cause of Piper Alpha rig explosion

has confirmed that gas, fed into a partially dismantled valve, was the likely cause of the explosion.

The Department of Energy report, sent to Lord Cullen, who is to open the official public inquiry into the ac-cident in Aberdeen on January 19, has ruled out any other likely cause.

Investigators considered several scenarios, but concluded that the explanation issued in September – that gas was fed into a valve that had been partially dismantled by maintenance workers – indeed caused the initial explosion on the rig late on the night of July 6. More than 160 rig workers were killed in the given in an interim report issued in September - that gas workers were killed in the

by anyone on the installation such equipment or eisewhere, and no allegations have been received to

mechanical damage were also ruled out, "Operational or nance errors other than platform.

lready considered are Mr Peter Morrison, the those already considered are

The final technical report into damage is another possibility further investigative work into the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster for which no evidence has the accident would be undertaken by the public inquiry, been identified." Other possibilities investi-gated and discounted included Mr Jim Petrie, the Department of Energy's director of

plugs of frozen gas liquids forming in pipelines and causoffshore safety, would end his ing pipe ruptures, other pipetechnical staff would continue failures, and the failure of the to investigate various issues raised by the incident that could lead to more safety rules platform flare-stack system however, that was seen to be fully operational 75 minutes being introduced in the oil industry.

after the initial explosion. The report confirms that The department based its disaster investigation on statenew automatic shut-off systerns in sub-sea oil and gas ments taken from survivors, witnesses and technical experts.. All its conclusions and evidence will be considered in detail by the public inquiry.

Other evidence that the department will submit to Lord Cullen will be a report on seven inflatable life-rafts reco-The report confirms that all vered from Piper Alpha.

An investigation is being

conducted to determine why

the rafts were not successfully deployed and used and why

those that were launched did

report comparing the risks

faced by personnel accom-

modated on production sys-

modated on flotels linked by

systems, an area not covered

and those accom-

There will also be a detailed

the proposals for such systems submitted by the oil comconsidered was sabotage, but the report said: "There is no see a re being studied by evidence to suspect that the gas release and explosion was new regulations will be introduced to cover the fitting of the introduced to cover the fitting of

Gas from sub-sea pipeline systems flowing back towards the burning Piper Alpha plat-Operational error and form was a significant contributor to the fire that followed the initial explosion on the

bridge or by helicopter.

The public inquiry will also deal with offshore evacuation minister responsible for the procedures and emergency nce of any evidence.

offshore oil and gas industry, systems, an area not "Accidental mechanical said yesterday that as any by yesterday's report.

Gas leak confirmed | Cataract scheme puts couple in focus



Mr Richard Monery and his wife, Betty, who can see each other clearly after being helped by Operation Cataract.

By Emma Wilkins

Mr Richard Monery and his wife, Betty, were having a clear look at each other fee

The large improvement in mear cyc-sight was thanks to Operation Cataract, a scheme funded by the Impact Foundation and Worthing Health Authority to

hotel before and after surgery. Without the scheme, the Monerys would have had to wait until beds became available.

"It's a wonderful operation", Mrs Monery, aged 75, said. "I can see my lumband clearly for the first time. He es about it and says I did not realize me he was."

The couple married only six years ago, at a time when both had failing eyesight. They had first met in Worthing when she

was still at school and were childhood sweethearts. They separated after three years, but were brought back together when both their spouses died in 1982. "I feel as though I am 25 years old again",

Mr Monery, aged 77, said.

The Impact Foundation, which deals with preventable or remedial disabilities, launched Operation Cataract last year with Worthing Health Authority. Since then 326 people have lead their sight

'Racist' taunt made after man is stabbed

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A man was stabbed to death in a London street after being chased by black youths. Afterwards one of the group returned and is alleged to have told witnesses "that's what happens to racists", it was said yesterday.

Detectives hunting the gang said the victim must have been seen by dozens of people as he sprinted along North End Road, Fulham, southwest London, in a desperate

attempt to escape. He was caught outside the Old Oak public house, beaten and then stabbed at about 11.10pm on Wednesday night. The man, white but not yet identified, is believed to have been aged about 29.
An incident room has been

set up at Kensington police station. Det Supt Roy Herridge, leading the hunt, said: "He was seen to be running along North End Road weaving in and out of

"He was caught outside the Old Oak pub, ferociously beaten, punched, had his head banged against the pub wall and was kicked to the ground. He was stabbed, we think one stab wound to the heart.

"Given that it was just after pub closing time, that there would have been a lot of pedestrians around and that North End Road is very busy, there should have been a lot of witnesses to what happened."

Mr Herridge said: "Witnesses have told us that after the man had been stabbed one of the men returned to the scene about five minutes later.

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# Call to lift ban on contingency fees

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

on comingency fees, by which lawyers would do work on a "no win no fee" basis, was called for by a Law Society

working party yesterday. The move would be a first step towards allowing solicitors to take on cases without charging a fee if they lose, as allowed in Scotland; and to recoup their normal fee from any winnings, if successful.

The Government is likely to recommend that such arrangements be allowed in its Green Paper to be published next

The move would not necstyle full-blown contingency arrangements, by which lawyers reap a percentage of any damages awarded.

The proposals have been drawn up to improve access to justice, in particular for those people ineligible for legal aid but who cannot afford litigation costs.

The present statutory ban prevents any kind of contingency deal, whether the USstyle contingency arrange-ment, by which lawyers take a percentage of any damages awarded; or the Scottish "speculative funding", which enables solicitors there to agree to waive any fee if the case is lost. At the same time, the profession's own practice money, he said. rules har such arrangements.

In a working paper on a mutual insurance improving access to justice, costs" scheme, wherein not yet endorsed by the Law ents would pay a fixe party comes down clearly in favour of "speculative fund-

Despite the statutory ban on formal arrangements, the practice is widespread and many solicitors take on per-

The lifting of the statutory ban sonal injury cases, divorce, tribunal cases and even libel claims on the basis that if they lose, they will not claim a fee.

The report says Scottish arrgements should be brought into effect in England and Wales. It recommends that if the statutory ban was lifted, the Law Society should change its own practice rules accord-

On the American-style contingency fees, the working party draws no conclusion, although it does highlight what it sees as a number of disadvantages of such arrange-

chairman of the working party, said that contingency fees would only be relevant in a small proportion of cases; that is, those where damages were awarded.

The damages also had to be sufficiently large for solicitors' fees to come out of them at the end of the day, he said; and in England and Wales, unlike in

tended to be lower. Another problem was that because of the courts' rule ou costs, the loser in a case pays the legal costs of both sides, which does not happen in the US. So the person entering into a contingency fee arrange-ment was still at risk of losing

The working party rejected costs" scheme, whereby clinot yet endorsed by the Law ents would pay a fixed sum Society Council, the working into a fund. The fund would pay costs if the case was lost, but if won, the client would not recover his premium.

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Weekend food prices

#### Set the party going with a whole salmon

shopping lists now, but for pre-Christmas parties a whole salmon could be the answer if time is short. A small Scotch salmon at 2-4lbs costs about £2.80 a lb, 4-6lbs £2.80 to £3.60 and 8-10lbs £3.40 to £3.80 a lb. Norwegian salmor is even cheaper. Smoked salmon costs from £10.50 a lb and smoked trout from £8. If you are looking for those meaty tiger prawns or cigales,

Covent Garden fishmongers in west London might be your only source of supply. Fresh scallops are a good buy at 60p to £1.20 each or out of shell The supermarket price for turkeys seems to have settled

at 98p a lb, fresh goose is more difficult to find but Safeway has it at £2.25 a lb and Sainsbury at £1.98 a lb, Frozen

Most prime cuts are up in price but topside is on special offer at Asda for £2.17 a lb. Sainsbury for £2.18, and

Tesco £2.19. After rich Christmas food what could be nicer than a simple lunch of sausage and mash; Safeway has low-fat chipolatas at £1.18 a lb and celery is 50-70p a head.

sausages at £1.20 a lb. Marks & Spencer has a great selection of traditional recipe sausage Bejam has excellent cocktail sausages. Lamb kidneys, at about 30p each, add a nice Victorian touch to breakfast.

There is a superb array of fruit and vegetables for Christmas. Home-grown produce is plentiful, good quality and prices are stable. Cranberries are the pick of the week fruit. They cost 80p to £1 a half pound, which will make threequarters of a pint of sauce. Citrus fruit is fantastic, particularly bittle elementines at 25-50p a lb. Satsumas 35-50p a lb and oranges are 8-25p each. Lovely red apples from Canada and America are 45-60p a lb, English Coxs 35-65p a lb and Bramley cookers 35-

Ham is the perfect partner for hot or cold poultry. Sausage meat is £1 a lb at Sainsbury.

New crop Californian walnuts 80p to £1.20p a lb are superb quality. Chinese walnuts are 70p to £1 a lb. Filherts 70p-£1 a lb are in good supply due to a particularly good Italian crop. Brazils 75p-£1 a Ib are scarce this year. Chest-nuts are 90p to £1.25 a lb. Salads are slightly more expensive with round lettuce 30-40p a head. Icebergs 60p-£1 each, cucumbers 60-80p each, tomatoes 40-55p a lb, and

Namibia pact

sets course for

independence

The accord sets the South

Ministers from Luanda,

embly adopts a constitution

troop withdrawal from Angola is due to be completed by July

1, 1991. The settlement pro-

vides both Washington and

Moscow with a role in oversee-

The US and the Soviet Union will sit with Angola,

Cuba and South Africa on a

ioint commission to resolve

any disputes. Once indepen-dent, Namibia will also join

The US-brokered settle-

ment should bring to an end

two long-standing sources of

conflict in the region - the

independence struggle by the South West African People's

Organization (Swapo) in Na-

mibia and the sporadic clashes

in southern Angola between Angolan and Cuban forces and

But the accord leaves au

resolved the 13-year civil war

in Angola, where Unita

Africa and the US, are fight-

ing the Government, backed

by Cuba and the Soviet Union.

disengage unilaterally from the Angolan conflict, but in-

sists there can be no military

chief US mediator, said yes-terday that there was move-

ment towards a settlement in

Angola. But he added that a

solution to the long-running

Mr Chester Crocker, the

solution to the civil war.

The US has refused to

their South African foes.

ing the peace plan.

lift ban on,

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Soviet defence cuts

# General denies that Moscow means to scrap old tanks only

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

lateral withdrawal from its

longer interested in negotiat-ing the removal of US military bases from the Philippines.

Khrushchev cuts. Others also

expressed the bope that Soviet

defences would be sufficiently

drew attention to the fact that

fence" for the Soviet Union.

Vienna security talks near success

acquired greater importance

because talks on East-West

cuts in conventional forces in

Europe depend on its success-

Diplomatic sources pre-

dicted that a final document committing the 35 countries,

which include all Nato and Warsaw Pact nations, to

higher standards on human

rights, will be signed by the

foreign ministers between

ful conclusion.

rights and other issues. It has afterwards.

Helsinki Accords oo human Talks, to begin soon

strong after the cuts.

planned reduction.

has decied that the Soviet Union will scrap only old tanks when it fulfils President Gorbachov's pledge to reduce its forces in Eastern Europe and insisted that all the nation's military policy-makers were in favour of the cuts.

At the same time Major-General Yuri Lebedev, deputy head of the Armed Forces' General Staff Directorate, conceded that there was "apprehension" in the middle "apprehension" in the middle ranks of the armed forces about defence capacity and possible loss of jobs.

Most trepidation, General Lebedev told journalists, orig-inated from comparisons with the effects of the cuts decreed by Khrushchev in 1961. Then, more than a million servicemen were demobilized and some had been left without work for six mooths or more. Officers had been without work even longer.

Now, officers would account for one in seven of the reductions and the cuts would be more gradual, being completed over a period of two years, the general said. All servicemen made redundant would be able to choose where they lived and worked and

could take further education. Officers were now given a highly technical training and their skills would be readily applicable to the civilian economy. General Lebedev admitted, however, that the resettlement programme would

By Andrew McEwen

Diplomatic Correspondent

After two years of talks on

European security, hundreds

of diplomats from 35 nations

have cut their Christmas

break to four days, compared with three weeks last year,

amid signs that success is

The Vienna review of the

Conference on Security and

Co-operatioo in Europe ad-

journed yesterday, but nego-

A senior Soviet army officer struction work after the earth- since the Warsaw Pact docuquake in Armenia meant there ment on military doctrine was would be less money. published in May, 1987. The In the past two weeks the word reliable may have been a 

Echoing remarks by Mr expressing concern about the Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in an While oone has openly chalinterview published the previous day, General Lebedev said that the West had a right lenged the thinking behind Mr Gorbachov's initiative, some to know what tanks and troops have drawn attention to the the Soviet Union was intenddifficulty of finding housing ing to withdraw. and jobs for so many men in the civilian sector and quoted

But he dismissed assertions the adverse effects of the that the cuts would apply only to servicemen working on Manila (Reuter) - The Soviet Union has hinted at a mirailways or in agriculture. Whole divisions were being disbanded and their weaponry military facilities at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam, Mr Ranl Manglapus, the Phil-ippines Foreign Minister, said yesterday. After talks here with Mr Eduard Shevardnadscrapped. It would not be simply transferred from the front line to the rear. While the tanks to be destroyed would not always be the most up to date, they would oot all be the oldest either.

ze, the Soviet Foreign Min-ister, he said Moscow was no Although many of the details of the cuts still had to be worked out in conjunction with government bodies in the Soviet Union and with other members of the Warsaw Pact, the proposed cuts had been planned for more than a year, General Lebedev said. The political decision to go ahead General Lebedev yesterday was taken "recently", he said.

in his United Nations address He admitted that the Soviet Unioo had been wrong in the past to keep information about the level of its forces Mr Gorbachov had called for reasonable and reliable de-This is a slight difference in secret and revealed that the wording from the "reasonable Warsaw Pact was discussing defence" and "reasonable snfpublication of its own statis ficiency" which have recurred tics. He boped these would be be expensive and that recon- in Soviet defence statements available early next year.

A proposal by Moscow to

hold an international human

rights conference in Moscow

has been one of the sticking

points in the Vienna review

The US set stringent pre-

cooditions for accepting it,

including a demand that Mos-

cow should release all remain-

ing political prisoners. Britain

Washingtoo is expected to

take the view that Moscow has

moved significantly towards

backed the US conditions.

# El Gordo's Spanish magic



Surrounded by the microphones of newsmen, Oscar Paje from San Idelfonso orphanage in Madrid holds up the ball with the winning number after the world's richest lottery was drawn. The lottery worked its annual Christmas miracle in Spain yesterday, spreading riches across the country with a tax-free total payout of more than £400 million (Harry

Debelius writes). El Gordo (the Fat One), as the winning number is known, was worth £87 million this year and went to ticket-holders in Madrid, Barcelona, Lugo and elsewhere. In nearby Alcala de Henares, supporters of a modest football club were wondering what to do with their £23 million. In Madrid, an unemployed barber found himself £242,000 richer and said he woold "buy some olive trees and take it easy".

### London cabs to give Nissan a lift From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

A Londoo black taxi on the streets of Tokyo looks only slightly more at bome than a wallaby oo skis — but that has not discouraged Nissan, the Japanese car maker, from a plan to import at least 200 black cabs a year from next year. In return, Nissan will take over the supplying of diesel engines for London cabs.

The incongruous cabs will be christened Big Bens.

The deal, which is believed to be in the final stages of negotiation, is ooe of those masterpieces in miniature for which Japan is famous.

Nissan will gaio another foothold in a classically British market, challenging the Austin Rover engines and transmissions that now do the job. It will also capitalize on the current boom in Japan for large imported cars and the Japanese people's love of almost anything oon-

Almost best of all, by buying something British in return Nissan hopes to sidestep those European critics who complain that Japan never does anything to narrow its trade gap.

The black taxis will be bought from Londoo Taxi International, but they will oot necessarily remain black once here. Nissan will paint them pink, if that is what the buyer wants, and fit them with whatever luxuries their new owners are

willing to pay. The Japanese versions will be much swankier inside than the average British taxi, and certainly roomier than the standard Japanese rival, which is usually a family saloon painted yellow. The doors of a Londoo cab may not jerk open

automatically as those on Japanese taxis

do -a sometimes winding experience for

the unwary foreigner - but long-legged passengers will be able to remove their knees from under their chins while passing the time in Tokyo's perpetual

Most Japanese taxis belong to fleet taxi companies, which are unlikely to restock their garages with what will be expensive imports: the price has not yet been set, but it will top the price of a Japanesemade luxury car. Some individual Japanese taxi drivers are, however, likely to buy the cabs as a novelty.

traffic jams.

Nissan expects to find its biggest market among owners of banqueting and wedding halls, who will use the cabs to ferry brides and guests to receptions. Top hotels are also interested in using them as limousines for guests.

There are no plans to import any Loodoo taxi drivers. The people of

#### tiators will be back at their January 16 and 20. This will desks on Tuesday. The review enable the new forum, called is designed to update the 1975 the Conventional Stability approval is also required.

# Australian wins Maralinga claim

Sydney (Reuter) - A former Australian airman was awarded SAus679,500 (£300,000) in damages yesterday for radiation sickness he claims was contracted at a British atomic

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weapons testing site io South Australia.

A four-man Supreme Court jury awarded the damages to Mr Rick Johnstone, aged 54, against the Australian Government, which let Britain test ouclear bo 's at Maralinga in the South Australian desert in the 1950s.

Mr Johnstone, president of the Australian Nuclean Veterans' Association and an RAAF aircraftsman during the atomic tests, had told the jury during the 62-day hearing that he cootracted radiatioo sickness when he drove scientists and military personnel to test radiation levels after four tests at Maralinga in 1956. His award opens the way for claims by 43 other workers at atomic sites and for widows of those who died of diseases alleged to have been caused by radiation.

#### Polish party reshuffle Warsaw (Reuter) - Poland's Communist Party has brought reformers into its leadership but rebuffed Solidarity's terms

for "round table" talks on the country's future.

A two-day meeting of the Central Committee failed to provide the political impetus the Government had promised to restart talks with the banned trade union. Instead, speeches indicated that the party's attitude towards a formal deal had hardened and the prospect of talks was receding. New men in the Polithuro are Mr Stanislaw Ciosck, a moderate, Mr Wiktor Pyrkosz, a textile factory manager, and Mr Janusz Reykowski, a psychology professor.

#### Nuclear trade charge

Bonn (AFP) - The West German Government has begun a high-level inquiry into illegal trading in ouclear technology after a former company director was charged with selling radioactive materials to India, Pakistan and South Africa.

A former director of a Frankfurt company, Neue Technologien Gmbh, which specializes in nuclear technology, has been released on bail after being charged on December 9, according to the prosecutor's office in Hanan near by. It did not name the man.

#### Bhutto brother order

Karachi - A special antiterrorist court has issued an arrest warrant for Mr Murtaza Bhutto, right, who is living in exile in Syria (Zahid Hussain writes). He is the brother of the Pakistani Prime Minister, Miss Benazir Bbutto. The warrant covers others wanted in connection with the 1981 hijack of a Pakistan International Airlines plane by the Al Zulfikar group, named after his late father, which Mr Bhutto then headed.



Churbanov judges out

Moscow (Renter) - Three judges retired yesterday to consider their verdict on Mr Yury Churbanov, son-in-law of Leonid Brezhov, the late Soviet leader, who has been charged with corruption. Mr Churbanov, aged 52, a former first deputy loterior Minister, told the court that he was innocent of taking massive bribes. He was making his final plea in a 10-week trial in which eight former top police officials from Uzbekistan are accused with him. The judges are unlikely to pronounce sentence before December 26.

# Small oasis of joy survives within a dying city

From Bill Keller

Leuinakan The mood in the Shaginyan house-

hold was not really festive this week, but under the circumstances it seemed an oasis of comfort and joy. Four families clustered around the table, passing hot buttered meat dumplings and flat Armenian bread by the light of paraffin lamps. When Mr Makartich Kotoyan arrived with an unexpected guest, someone even found a bottle of vodka.

Thank God that we remained alive," Mr Kotoyan said in his toast. "Thank God that we have such friends." A few streets in any direction lay the ruins of a city shaken to fragments by the Armenian earthquake.

But at 36 Ulitsa Mashinistov life has fallen into a determined routine, the incongruous normality that sometimes develops during war.

No one knows how many Arme-

nians live in the ruins of Leninakan, the republic's second largest city, but the oumber appears to be in the thousands, and possibly in the tens of thousands.

The unlucky ones buddle against the bitter cold nights around campfires in the rubble, or hide in the brittle shells of buildings that could collapse in heavy rain or crumble at any moment. The authorities have been

evacuating people and those who

refuse are moved into tents and prefabricated shacks, away from the precarious wreckage. The fortunate ones, including most of the residents of this street, live in low-standing houses that

withstood the earthquake. They have formed a living enclave within the dead city.

In the Shaginyan house, where five people once lived, there are now 20. Their beds, cots and salvaged

belongings are neatly arrayed around the sturdy little house, which is subdivided into six small rooms. Except for a crack in one bedroom

wall, the bouse appears untouched by the earthquake, even though vast blocks of flats, hospitals and factories nearby tumbled into the earth. The residents range from the

matriarch, Mrs Flora Shaginyan, aged 69, to her granddaughter, Anna, aged 18 mooths. Mr Georgi Shaginyan's bride-to-be and ber father moved in after the earthquake.

Georgi, aged 25, had fashioned a crude but spacious shed alongside the family bouse to accommodate the 300 guests he had expected for his wedding party.

The wedding, planned for Mooday, has been postponed, but the shed, heated by a wood stove, is now the communal dining room. The sister of Georgi, Yepraksi, took shel-

parents.

Another room was given to a friend, Mrs Emma Alaberdyan, and her two sons, who fled to Leninakan from Sumgait, in Azerbaijan, because of attacks oo Armenians in February.

The family lived in a grim hostel when they first reached Leninakan, then moved into their own flat in November, two weeks before the carthquake destroyed it, Life on Ulitsa Mashinistov is a

mix of chores and borednm, interrupted by forays for buried belongings and by occasional news of old friends found, alive or dead. In the first days the men joined in rescuing trapped survivors, but that work has virtually ended.

Survivors are being issued ration coupons through their former places of work, entitling them to queue at an assigned spot every two days for

ter here with her husband and his bread, milk and a plastic bag with cheese, sausage, crackers, canned fish and sweets.

Bit by bit, some government services are returning. Newspapers are available at the railway station. A few bus routes have reopened. A local teacher said there were plans to open a school for the remaining children.

But bere, around the future wedding table, the families swapped rumours, talked politics and entertained company. They say that in Spitak, before the earthquake, when they pulled the potatoes up from the earth, they were warm," said Mr Gigam Agarunyan, aged 29, a Shaginyan family in-law.

"Well, it's a rumnur," he added. "But maybe if the authorities had paid attention they could have evacuated the city and no one would

**New York Times** 

#### Reagan policy and Nicaragua both in ruins From David Gollob, Managna

headed Washington's toughest effort to enforce its power and influence in the New World in decades, but failed miserably to eliminate a small fortress of the revolutionary left in Latin America which, although bleeding from its wounds, remains firmly entrenched.

"Reagan is leaving, but the revolution stays," Nicaraguan government propaganda announced triumphantly oo bill-boards and state-controlled television, as this predomi-nantly Roman Catholic coun-try celebrated its bleakest Christmas since the overthrow of the US-backed Somoza dictatorship nearly a decade ago.

The boast is not a hollow one, but the victory is. Candidly. US officials admit the eight-year war to topple the Sandinista Government is virtually over. This leaves the Reagan Administration's policy of "containing" the left in Central America in ruins, and the incoming Bush Administration grasping for a new one. However, if the Reagan policy is in ruins, so is Nicaragua. A few items illus-

trate this. Eight years ago young Nicaraguans, inspired by San-dioista promises of a new society, participated in massive numbers in the most ambitious public health programme ever seen in Central

President Reagao speardemic tropical diseases such as malaria were all but chiminated at a stroke.

> same age were streaming across Nicaragua's borders, fleeing military service and a crippled economy. In 1988 there were more than 22,000 cases of malaria, and the growing epidemic is closing in on the capital, Managua. • During the month of December, the Government devalued the national curreacy five times and reissued 10-cordoba banknotes st- December 15 when the De-amped at 1,000 times their fence Minister, General Hum-

depreciated 600 times since maintained for the foreseeable then. Projected inflation will By 1988 young men of the surpass 30,000 per cent in 1989, possibly the highest rate in Latin American history. Dozens of Sandinista cadres

the Contras, but in recent traffic accidents as the couninto advanced decay. Hopes for short-term eco- gun to admit it.

comic revival were dashed on December 15 when the De- speech, the self-defined "proface value. When the currency berto Ortega, announced that spaper, El Nuevo Diario, has tremely bland in comparison was introduced in February, high levels of military spend-begun publishing lengthy ex- to tacties of terror and

1988, the dollar was pegged at ing and "full mobilization" of pose of corruption in high intimidation used in other 10 cordobas. The cordoba has the armed forces would be places based on revelations of Latin American countries future, despite the fact that the Contras had been reduced to a "plague ... of bandits".

Nicaragua's growing saga of woe - the spread of poverty, have been killed, not fighting malnutrition, muggers, prostitutes and beggars - is not wholly attributable to what try's transport and commun- Sandinista media call the "US ications infrastructure falls war of aggression," and some government officials have be-

Sandinista cadres. However, where anti-government prothe Nuevo Diario crusade against corrupt practices at government-run currency exchange houses was silenced when the minister responsible issued a curt denial. For government allies, the leash of liberty remains short.

The lack of any significant opposition movement cannot be explained by government restrictions on civil liberties, Testing the limits of free however. Opposition leaders have been jailed on occasion, government but critical" new- but this harassment is ex-

lower: less than 10 per cent. The poverty of opposition debate and the absence of credible political alternatives are the main factors, most analysts agree. However, there are bopeful signs.

test is ebullient.

A recent opinion survey

confirmed that support for the

Sandinistas invers around the

20 per cent mark. Yet support

for opposition parties is even

An independent group of distioguished Nicaraguan businessmen and economists, including former Saodinista foes and allies, bas recently launched Nicaragua's first non-partisan "think tank" on how to reconstruct the coun-

try. The group's founders say they recognize that it is time to learn bow to live with the Sandinistas, rather than "fold our arms and wait for the US to invade". If the Sandinistas could

survive the Reagan presidency, they are almost certain to outlive his successor's. The **Bush Administration is toying** with a more pragmatic policy. Nothing that excludes the lifting of a trade embargo imposed in 1985 and the normalization of bilateral relations will improve conditions either for business or for democracy, most Western diplomats here recognize. Bush pragmatism is unlikely to go that far.

# Hope still flickers for Arias peace plan

From Tony Avirgan

A year ago President Arias of Costa Rica had just received the Nobel Peace Prize for his Central American peace plan, and there was optimism in government circles here that 1988 was going to be the year to harvest the fruits of the mitiative.

But a year later many of the hopes and dreams of 1988 bave faded and there is a more realistic, although still optimistic, outlook for peace in Central America in

When the peace plan was signed by the five Central American Presidents in August, 1987, it was agreed that all moves towards democratization and negotisted ends to internal conflicts would be completed within three mouths. America. Through simultaneous mass vaccinations, envarious extensions were amounted.

Then timetables were altogether exist in Guatemala, El Salvador and

The reasons the peace plan has not been fulfilled are many. President Arias says it is a problem of words not being put into action.

"Everybody says that they support the peace plan," he says, "but I don't think everybody is very sincere... They pay a lot of lip service to it." Among those he holds at fault are the

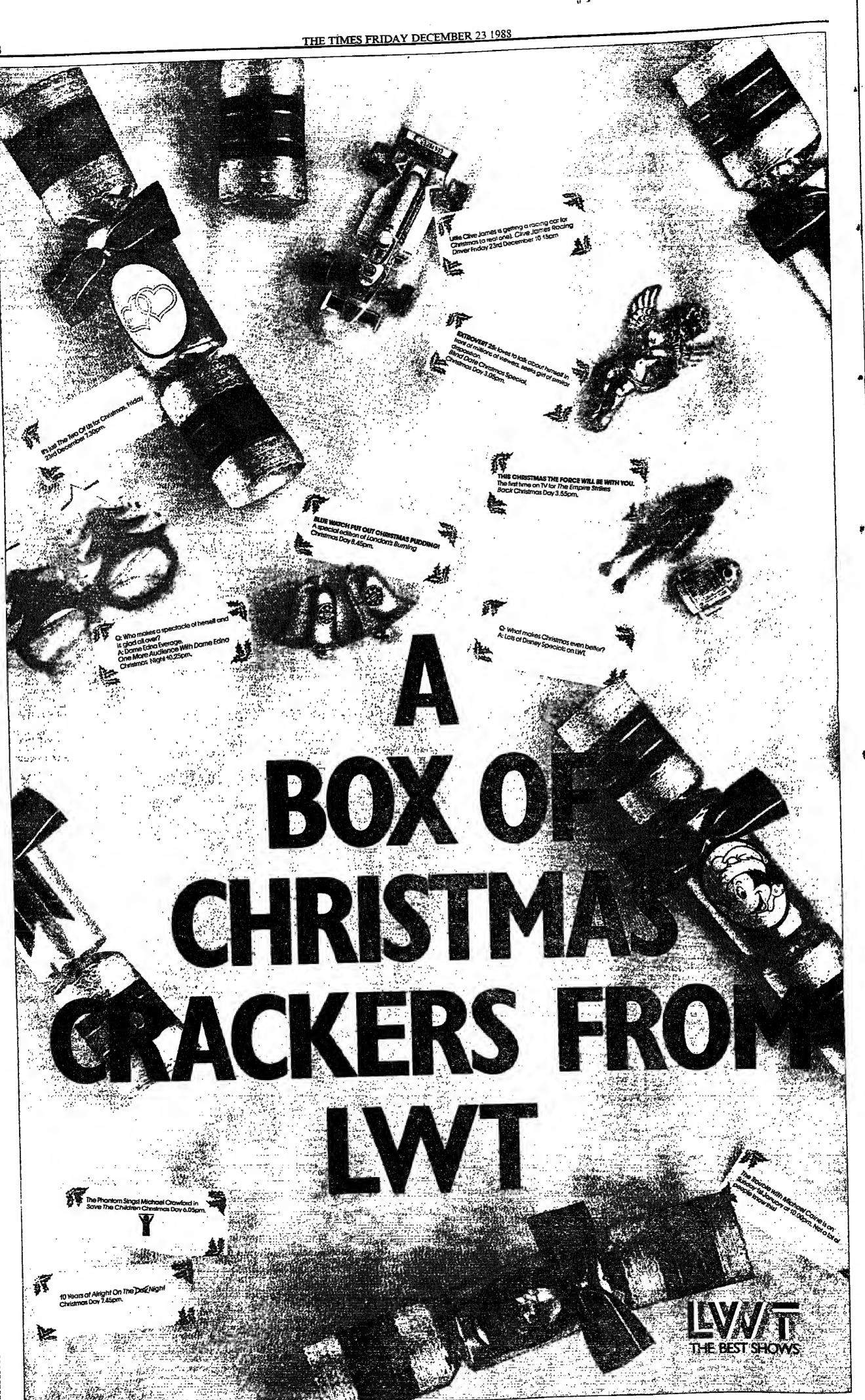
Among those he holds at them are use superpowers. He blames the Soviet Union for supporting left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador; he blames the Reagan Administration for its support of the Nicaragnan Contras.

President Arias also faults the Central American countries themselves, particularly Nicaragua, which he accuses of continuing human rights violations. He also admits that human rights violations

Honduras. Even in Costa Rica there is strong right-wing opposition to joining the proposed Central American Parliament, a key element of the peace plan. However, he does not see his peace

plan as a failure. He argues that when he took office two and a half years ago Costa Rica was on the verge of being drawn into the proxy war the United States was waging against Nicaragua. Now, he says, the shooting in Nicaragua has stopped and there is no chance of his country getting involved in a war. Even if nothing more is accomplished, that is enough to justify his peace efforts.

Despite the troubles the peace plan has had, he sees hope for moving forward in 1989. That is not because of any changes in Central America, but because of changes in Washington and Mescow.



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Beirut (Reuter) - The wives of

three American academics

held hostage in Lebanon for 23 months have sent a Christ-

mas letter to their husbands

and pleaded with their captors

"Dear Robert, Alann and

lesse. We miss you and we are

here awaiting your release. The entire world joins us in

hoping for your speedy re-

turn," wrote Mrs Firyal Polhill, Mrs Virginia Steen

and Mrs Bader Turner.

# Bethlehem's Christian Arabs face 'Christmas of pain'

From Richard Owen Jerusalem

As friction intensified yesterday in Bethiehem between the Israeli anthorities and the local Christian Arabs over their refusal to display Christmas decorations, the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem called on Israel to match the dialogue between the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization with a gesture of its own.

In an interview with The Times. Bishop Samir Kafity condemned "the crude and harsh actions" of the Israeli Army in the occupied territories during the Arab intifida (uprising) over the past year.

The Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Michel Sabah, said yesterday in his traditional Christmas message that Christian Arabs in the Holy Land would not have "the joy of Christmas in their hearts" this

"Some had a son or father killed, others are still in prison and all face heavy military repression," he said. "Secure borders are not secured by technology or violence or occupied territories, only by reconciled hearts, love and truth."

Both Bishop Kafity and Arch-bishop Sabah are themselves Palestinian Arabs.

Yesterday Israeli workers erected the traditional illuminated "Merry Christmas" sign across the road leading from Jerusalem to Bethlehem oo the West Bank.

But the roadblocks at the entrance to Bethlehem remain, and entry to Manger Square tomorrow is restricted, with visitors passing

through metal detectors. On Manger Square itself yesterday there were no decorations after an order by Mayor Elias Freij in sympathy with the victims of the intifada.

Bethlehem's shops were open yesterday but will be closed tomorrow on the instructions of the intifada underground leadership, which in a leastet distributed on the West Bank designated Christmas Eve and January 6, the Greek Orthodox Christmas, as "days of national mourning".

The religions ceremonies, including the procession tomorrow to Bethlehem led by Patriarch Sabah and midnight Mass at the Church of the Nativity, are to go

Members of Jerusalem's Anglican Church will sing carols on Manger Square as usual. But the leaflet urged Arabs to reject "Israeli participation in Christmas celebrations".

Israeli spokesmen insisted that Israeli officials, such as the Military Governor of Bethlehem, would take part in the carefully defined ceremonies which govern the rights of the three main churches -Catholic, Orthodox and Armenian - in Bethlehem and to alter the status quo would arouse church opposition\_

Bishop Kafity would normally exchange visits at this time of year with the other church leaders in Jerusalem, but instead he is to visit church hospitals in the Gaza Strip to comfort Palestinians injured in clashes with Israeli troops.

The bishop, who was born in Haifa, talks sadly of a Christmas of "pain rather than joy". Speaking in the relative tranquillity of his study at St George's Cathedral in east Jerusalem, the bishop – whose diocese extends to Jordan, the West Bank, Syria and Lebanon – accused Israel of using an "iron fist

policy" to suppress the uprising. He welcomed the renunciation of terrorism by the PLO and its declaration of a Palestinian state, urging Israel to match this with a gesture of its own.

"Settling problems by peaceful means rather than by force is the beginning of the road to peace," the bishop said. Israel, he added, could afford to make such a gesture sioce it was "small in numbers but extremely powerful militarily".

According to some Israeli sources, Arab Christians in Bethlehem and Nazareth are supporting

Contrasting faces of Israel

pressure, knowing that if ao independent Palestinian state was established it would be Muslim-

dominated. Bishop Kafiti admits that the intifada has made it difficult for him to visit his diocese amid shooting and tear gas, but insists that the Anglican Church is "the church of the land".

"It was here before the creation of the state of Israel, it has lived with crisis and perpetual turmoil from Ottoman times and the British Mandate to the present

• Soldier dies: An Israeli soldier, aged 19, wouoded io a Palestiniao petrol bomb attack on an Israeli civilian bus in the West Bank has died in a London hospital, the

#### The letter, which contained black and white photographs of the hostages Robert Polhill,

to free them.

Alann Steen and Jesse Turner. was issued in Muslim west Beirut, where a radical group calling itself Islamic Jihad for the Liberatioo of Palestine says it is holding the three men, seized from the campus of Beirut University College on January 24, 1987.

#### Sad birthday for Akihito

Tokyo (AP) - Crown Prince Akihito, next io line for Japan's throne, turns 55 today, a hirthday that will pass without the usual festivities because of Emperor Hiro-hito's critical illness.

Throughout Japan, banqueting and merry-making have been restrained while the nation follows twice-daily reports oo the Emperor's medical condition.

#### Agent's baby

Paris (AFP) - Dominique Prieur, a captain in the French Army and one of the agents jailed for sioking the Rainbow Warrior ecologist ship in 1985, has given hirth to a boy, according to a paid announce-ment in *Le Monde*.

#### Hanged in cell

Johannesburg (Reuter) - Mr Karel Oosthuizen, aged 49, a South African accountant accused of defrauding a medical insurance scheme of more than £I million, has been found hanged in his cell in Pretoria's Central Prison.

#### Distel fined

Paris (AFP) - A French court has given the singer, Sacha Distel, a one month sus-pended jail sentence, fined him £300 and banned him from driving for six mooths for his role in a car accident in which the actress, Chantal Nobel, was seriously injured.

### Doctors strike

Harare (AFP) - Zimbabwe's on indefinite strike to protest against the Health Ministry's failure to meet their demands for better pay and conditions.

#### Copter crash

Hoog Kong (AP) - A helicopter oo a training flight has crashed in the south-western Chinese province of Sichuan, killing an officer and a cadet, a Hong Kong report said.

# Shamir says his coalition aims to defeat uprising

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli
Prime Minister, yesterday presented to the Knesset a new going to enter a coalition with

Strip," Mr Shamir said. Mr the next year. Mr Shamir, aged changed his mind about joinsaid that, despite Likud's ing Mr Shamir because of differences with Labour, the "Israel's diplomatic and spir-Prime Minister, yesterday pre-sented to the Knesset a new coalitioo which be said aimed to defeat the Arab intifida (uprising) in the occupied territories and would achieve unity to counteract "the massive propaganda campaign" launched by the Palestine biblical Israel and refuses to Liberation Organization

In a hard-hitting speech, Mr In a hard-hitting speech, Mr Shamir rejected the concept of an independent Palestinian Government, Labour is to be state alongside Israel, declaring that there was already one foreign policy is in the hands Arab state io the area — of Mr Moshe Arens of Likud. Jordan - and that there was no oeed for a second one.

He called on Egypt, the only Arab country so far to sign a peace treaty with Israel, to help persuade Jordan and Palestinian representatives -but not the PLO or other "terrorist groups" — to join in peace negotiations.

"I appeal to the King of Jordan to answer our call for peace and enter negotiations with us and representatives of Judaca, Samaria and the Gaza

the Labour Party and most of the religious parties which won seats in the November I election, regards Judaea and Samaria, or the occupied West Bank, as an inalienable part of make territorial concessions.

consulted oo such issues, but The new government guide-lines include the building of

up to eight new Jewish settle-Full Cabinet list: Prime Minister, Labour Minister Vitzhak Shamir (Lik), Vice Prime Minister, Finance Shimon Peres (Lab), Foreign Moshe Arens (Lik), Defence Yik-zhek Rabin (Lab), Second Vice Prime Minister, Housing David Levy (Lik), Deputy Prime Minister, Edu-cation & Culture Vitzhak Meuers cation & Culture Yitzhak Navon (Lab), Transport Moshe Katzay

(Lik), Police Chaim Bar-Lev (Lab), Trade Ariel Sharon (Lik), Energy

new situatioo (a reference to the US-PLO dialogue) required a maximum joint effort to meet dangers and hardships".

The religious parties, which

West Bank, have entered government despite their earlier fury when Mr Shamir reneged oo his promise to form a coalition with them alone. The religious affairs portfolio may go to the National Religions Party, and the loterior Ministry is in the hands of Shas. Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, ments on the West Bank over the Shas leader, said he had

Moshe Shahai (Lab), Justice Dem Meridor (Lik), Agriculture Avraham Katz-Oz (Lab), Tourism Gideon Patt (Lik), Health Yeacov Tsur (Lab), Economics Pisming Yizhak Modei (Lik), Communications Ged Yeacobi (Lab), Interior Arie Deri (Shas), Immigration Yizhak Peretz (Shas), Science Ezer Weizmen (Lab), Env-ironmental Caralty Ponni Millo (Lik), Without portiolio Moshe Maskin (Lik), Elsud Okmert (Lik), Mordechai Gur (Lab), Refi Edri (Lab).

itual situation".

Mr Shimon Peres, who becomes Deputy Prime Min-ister and Finance Minister, said Likud and Labour had "two opinions but one land also take a hard line over the and one future". The priority was peace and security for

A leaflet issued yesterday by the underground intifada leadership rejected Israeli pro-posals for free elections and limited self-rule in the occupied territories. It said Washingtoo's decision to talk to the PLO was a "victory for the intifada".

But some Israeli officials maintained that West Bank unrest was being fomented by Palestinian radicals opposed to the US-PLO dialogue. There were widespread clashes throughout the West Bank yesterday and refugee camps in Gaza remained under curfew.

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#### Man in the News

# A hardliner with an eye to the future

Jerosalem — The three most
1982 and 1983. During his time
striking results of the formation of the new Israeli coalition
irritated American officials by
and even voted against the measures. Government yesterday were the appointment of a new Foreign Minister, the emergence of several youthful faces among Likud's ministers, and the lack of women in senior posts (Richard Owen writes).

Mr Moshe Arens, the new Foreign Minister, is seen as a hardline figure compared to Mr Shimon Peres, his Labour the Foreign Ministry say that, despite his reputation, he is the man to forge a sophisticated Israeli response to "the new situation" created by America opening dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

He is also seen as the man to mend Israel's fences with the United States, where he served Mr Moshe Arens: A likely brought to Israel, introducing as the Israeli Ambassador in

In an unusual ceremony yes-

terday a senior Soviet dip-

lomat, Mr Georgy Marti-

rescue teams returning from

rescue operation in Armenia.

The new Israeli Govern-

relations with the United

States, its ally, are described

officially as painful, while

of Jews and castigator of

Zionism, are fast improving.

ous crisis" between Israel and

American Jewry over Wash-

Palestine Liberation Organi-

Conversely, the Israeli res-

symptom of a remarkable

According to Israeli Amer-

ica-watchers, there is a "seri- greater say.

cue effort in Armenia is a lomatic ties.

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Union, traditional persecutor treatment of Soviet Jews and

ington's decision to talk to the returned to Israel after serving

zalion and pressure within consular delegation in Mos-

tsrael for a stricter definition cow, believes it is now only a

Israeli officials to welcome four Aeroflot hijackers.

criticizing US policy in the Middle East, including Ameri-ca's relationship with leading Arab states like Saudi Arabia.

He had earlier shown profound mistrust of the Camp



successor to the leadership.

Moscow and Jerusalem, as is

the incident three weeks ago in

For the man who handled

nian rescue effort from the

Israeli end, Mr Yeshayahu

to the "de-demonization of

profound impact both on the

oo the Middle East peace

process, in which the Soviet

Union is keen to have a

Another senior diplomat, Mr Arye Levin, who recently

as the head of the Israeli

matter of time before the

Moscow is calculating to

Soviet Union restores dip-

The result could have a

Israel" in Soviet eyes.

and even voted against the Camp David agreements in the Knesset, warning that Egypt could not be trusted.

On his return from Washington, he served as the Likud Defence Minister from March, 1983, and was again regarded as a leading hawk. On the other hand, he is seen as highly intelligent and ca-pable of adapting Israeli pol-

Born in Lithuania in 1925, Mr Arens emigrated to the United States in 1939 and was brought up a militant Zionist. After the Second World War, he was educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and became a distinguished aeronautical ennew technology into the Israeli

New tack in Israel's superpower game

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

with Israel would alienate the more radical Arab states, of-

ficials say, But Mr Levin, who

held talks with Mr Eduard

Shevardnadze, the Soviet For-

eign Minister, in Moscow,

maintains that the rupture of

Riyadh (AFP) — Sandi Arabia

is to contribute more than £3.4

million a mouth from January

1 to sustain the Palestinian

uprising in the occupied terri-tories, a PLO representative

said here yesterday. Mr Rafik

al-Natche said the contribu-

tion was Saudi Arabia's share

of a fund which was approved by the Arab summit held in

relations in 1967 is now

Mr Anug sees it as highly significant that Soviet tele-

visioo is showing Israelis not

Officials here are cautioning

against excessive expecta-

as caricatures but as humani-

counted as a "mistake".

tarian rescue workers.

Algiers in June.

change in relations between what extent restoring links tions, pointing out that while Soviet officials have even

But he is a representative of the older generation of Israeli leaders, and much attention focused yesterday on the younger appointments in Mr Shamir's list, including three young lawyers who are closely associated with the Prime

They are Mr Dan Meridor, the Minister of Justice, Mr i Milo, the Env Minister, and Mr Ehud Olmert, a Minister without

All three men are seen by observers as eventual candidates for the leadership in Israel although, in the shorter term, the successor to Mr occasion arise, is more likely to be Mr Areus than any of the

the Soviet image of the Israelis may be changing, the official Soviet line remains that Israeli

actions on the West Bank

Soviet-Israeli contacts have

developed slowly; until the

hijack and the Armenian trag-edy, Mr Martisorov, a Middle

East specialist who heads the Soviet consular delegation in

Israel, had kept a low profile.

Even when news of the hijack

broke, Moscow first ap-

proached the Israelis through

Israel's five-man consular

team in Moscow operates

from one cramped room in the

Dutch Embassy. The Israeli Embassy in Moscow, for

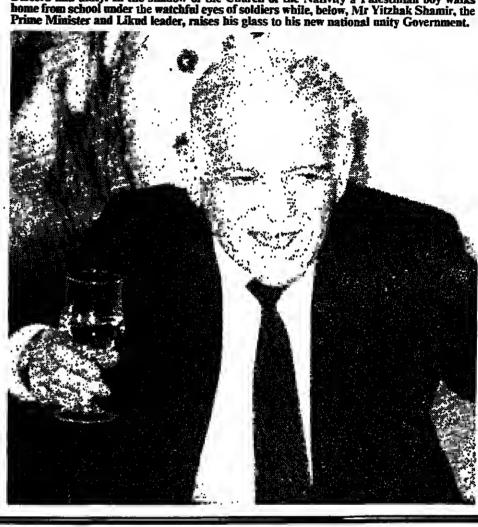
which Israel has been paying £70,000 a year in rent for the

past 21 years, remains empty.

None the less, the Israelis

Nicosia rather than directly.

amount to repression.



Discord and unity. In the shadow of the Church of the Nativity a Palestinian boy walks

#### Gandhi in China

# **Border deal still elusive**

From Our Own Correspondent, Peking

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, flew to Xian yesterday leaving behind him in Peking some new friends and a series of Sioo-Indian cooperation agreements but oo apparent solution to the border problem.

Mr Gandhi said, however, that the two sides had agreed to establish a joint working group on the border, which would operate as annual Foreign Mioistry consultations at vice-ministerial and secretarial level, and which could be upgraded to ministerial level

when the issues required it. Eight rounds of border talks

over seveo years have produced no results, and despite what Mr Gandhi described as "extensive and in-depth discussions" with Chinese leaders during this visit, he said that "the question of conceding territory did not come up". Mr Gandhi's formula for friendship, starting afresh". Sihanouk.

dealing with the issue has no Yesterday Mr Gandhi and his timeframe hut allows both countries to work towards a Peng, signed agreements oo solution while improving eco- cultural exchange, civil avioomic and cultural relations ation and co-operation in and maintaining peace on the science and technology, Mr Li border. Previously, improved relations io other fields have been seen as impossible without a border solution.

China claims 36,000 square miles of Indiao territory, including the state of Arunachal Pradesh, and India claims more than 14,000 square miles China absorbed during the 1962 border war.

Mr Gandhi said that cooperatioo between China and India should be expanded significantly, and that such cooperation would "indirectly help us in solving complex problems".

Peking counterpart, Mr Li science and technology. Mr Li also accepted an invitation to visit India.

 PARIS: Delegates from the Cambodian Government and the resistance movements disagreed over conditions for a Vietnamese withdrawal from the country and called off the first meeting of a new working group shortly after it began here yesterday (AFP reports).

Government envoys said that the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops should be conditional on an end to foreign aid for resistance forces, hut the resistance coalition rejected this and demanded that He would be taking "a very positive message" back to ciple to a five-poiot peace plan India. "one of rebuilding drawn up by Prince Norodom

# Naked truth brings men, and a few women, flocking in Peking

are deliberately building on lomatic success by launching their improved ties with Mos-

cow, and Israeli officials are on free elections in the occu-

keeping in daily contact with pied territories and limited

Mr Martisorov and his team. self-government.

said

From Catherine Sampson Peking

More than 20,000 Peking residents queued for up to two hours yesterday to buy tickets for the first all-nude exhibition at the Central Art Gallery.

Controversy has raged on and off during the past few years over the acceptability of the nude. Until now, mude art has been hiding in the dark shelter of the art college studio, dragging out an ignoble existence", according to Mr Wo Guanzhong, the moving force behind this exhibition.

Tickets were 10 times more expensive than usual - two yuan (33p) instead of two jino (3p) — but at one point the queue stretched more than 200 yards, and the exhibition was packed. As Mr Wu says: 'Not only Adam and Eve, but maybe all

the people want to taste the forbidden fruit."

The crowd was not, however, a representative cross-section of society. Women made up about 5 per cent of the viewing public. So why were there so few of them present?

"But they're all women," replied one of the 5 per cent. "I mean the viewers, not the pictures," I persisted. "Oh, I hadn't noticed. Well, there's you and me - we're both women," came the stunning

Two young male journalism students, arms around each others' shoulders, nggested that women were too busy doing housework to come to an exhibition.

Results of an informal poll of women at the exhibition revealed that most were

in art. Only a few were clearly being dragged round under protest by boy friends. One clung to a male arm and giggled furiously when asked if she was barrassed by one of the few fullfrontal male nudes.

Another student was made of sterner staff. "It's perfectly normal," she said. "Most students are entirely behind this exhibition because it shows the influence of the West. It's the first time we've held this sort of exhibition, and it shows we are opening up."

"Ten years ago this sort of exhibition would have been unimaginable," said one young man.

A doctor in his early forties, meanwhile, was scrutinizing the boards (which were, for some reason, placed at knee

read them had to squat) which related the history of the unde.

indicated to the Israelis that

Moscow is prepared to be

flexible about a Middle East

peace formula, and is not wedded to the international

peace conference which Mi

Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli

Prime Minister, has rejected.

of rapprochement with Mos-

cow are inflated, and Western

diplomats warn that there is

still little real common ground

between Israeli and Soviet

expect or even hope, Washington breaks off its talks with

the PLO in disappointment,

"we will be back to square

In that event, Israel could

with American backing, seek

to counter the PLO's dip-

one" one Israeli diplomat

If, as some Israelis seem to

views on Palestine.

It may be that Israeli hopes

"Western and Chinese culture is very different," he said, "but we are opening

He suggested that a lot of Chinese women might be too embarrassed to attend the exhibition. "Most of the people here are educated," he said. "But some aren't. I suppose they come to see omething different."

Two 20-year-old soldiers from Jiangxi province stood wrapped in their padded green uniform overcoats and fur hats suffawing at an abstract representation of a nude. "Can you see a nude there? We can't, what on earth is it?" It had to be admitted that it was not immediately obvious that this picture had anything at

about this in the papers, so we thought we'd come along to have a good time,"

in general, the more abstract the art, the less attention it attracted, while lifelike paintings were rewarded with intense scrutiny from a distance of only a few inches.

Artists wandered round discussing their work and signing autographs. Mr Wang Yidong, exhibiting two oils of Western women, said that the exhibition was going to be shown in Japan and perhaps America.

"Some leaders had to turn a blind eye for this exhibition to open," he said. "But Vice-Minister of Culture Mr Ying Ruocheng helped us." Mr Ying Ruocheng is best known outside China

for his role as the benign jailer in the film The Last Emperor.

"Most of the exhibitors are young teachers at the Central Institute of Fine Art," said Mr Wang. "And the funding comes from the Guangxi People's Publishing House. They thought they could make some money by printing the catalogues." And indeed, the full-colour glossy booklets retail at 4.5 yean (£1,48) and hardback catalogues at 45 years (£14.85) — about half an ordinary factory worker's monthly wage.

already caused debate in the newspapers, and Mr Wang predicts that there will be even more controversy. There were difficulties in Shanghai

and Tianjin after undes appeared in exhibitions there, he added.

The holding of such an exhibition has

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# long as you're

faithful to

your car

Suppose you owned a Ford car or, maybe, a van or a Transit.

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pump would be guaranteed for as long as you kept the car.

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## **SPECTRUM**

# Solving the jigsaw of tragedy



As the painstaking task of sifting through the wreckage of the doomed Pan-Am Flight 103 starts at

Lockerbie, William Greaves talks to Frank Taylor (above), who trains men of the Air Accidents Investigations Branch

he more evidence that comes in from around the world that the passengers on Flight 103 were murdered by a terrorist bomb, the harder the scientists and ex-pilots of the Air Accidents Investigations Branch will strive to find a completely different reason for the tragedy. For almost all of them will at

one time have listened to the counsel that Frank Taylor, of the Aviation Safety Centre at Cranfield Institute of Technology, has offered to crash detectives from all over the world for the past ii years: never jump to the

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obvious conclusions.
"If you have a theory, the only way to test it effectively is to rule out all the alternatives," Taylor said yesterday. "If you try hard enough to prove something you will do so - and it will be by suppressing all the pieces of information that don't fit neatly into the jigsaw.

Every member of the 30-strong team at Lockerbie who joined the AAIB after 1977 will have attended one of Taylor's eight-week courses at Cranfield and, among other exercises, will have sifted through the wreckage of a simulated crash into which the course director will have deliberately planted enough false trails to lead all but the most wary up the wrong channel of inquiry.

And all of them will know that they need look no further than the Munich crash of 1958, in which the bulk of the Manchester United football team died, to understand the wisdom of meticulous investigation - however apparently obvious the cause. "The head of that team had experienced the hazards of icing on wings, and was so certain that that was the principal factor that it was 11 years later before it was proved to be slush on the runway. There cannot be any doubt that evidence was suppressed on that occasion," Taylor says.

of two main elements: experi-enced pilots who have come from the airlines or from the RAF, and graduate engineers, mostly with flying experience and representing a wide range of specialist sciences. Some will also have practical experience in the study of human behaviour and behind them all are such resources as the metallurgists of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, the fuel system testing facilities at the Cranfice's Institute, and the Home Office's Institute, and the Aircraft Office's Institute of Aviation

Medicine at Farnborough.
On site, the team will aircady have divided up into separate units and will be going through a well-practised and meticulous programme of investigation, much of it ignoring all conjecture. "First, they will take aerial photographs of everything exactly

where it stands," Taylor says.
"And, wherever possible, they will eave everything where it is, rather than collect it together. When an aircraft breaks up in the air, its parts will be severely damaged. Then they are damaged still more when they hit the ground. The last thing you want to do is damage them still further by scooping them up and piling them into a

Even though the crew in this case died in the crash, one team will interview other crews who were flying in the area to find out if there were any abnormal meteorological disturbances. Others will be examine both the cockpit voice recorder and the flight data recorder which, despite its familiar name of the black box, is painted

bright orange for easier discovery.
Then there is a complete assessment to be made of all the weather conditions along the route from London and air traffic tapes to be examined - for, although there were no messages from the cockpit in this case, sometimes the faintest click can be detected which would indicate an open microphone.



Never jump to conclusions: a wrecked light plane is used at the Aviation Safety Centre at Cranfield to teach trainee crash detectives to sift through all the evidence

suspicious time lag between the cabin crew going silent and the

plane disintegrating.

Another group will look at the loading of the aircraft, both people and baggage, and yet another at all structural and maintainance

They will all work entirely independently and, during the first few days of the investigation, meet every evening to exchange notes. At the end of all that, 99 per cent of the wreckage can be forgotten about, with only the critical sections going to the materials department at RAF Farnborough for analysis.

The Cranfield course is attended by British AAIB members and investigators from the world's smaller aviation countries, as well as delegates from major airline

This, in turn, could indicate a countries such as Canada and Australia. All of them are put through a rigorous programme of

They spend time sifting through

crash wreckage, merely recording what they find without attempting to reach any conclusions, and also watching films of mock-up crashes. This not only enables them to examine each other's eyewitness accounts, but also reveals to them just how inaccurate and contradictory those accounts can be, however well-intentioned, It is vitally important for investigators to learn how to interpret witness information and to realize that it can never be fully acceptable without corroboration," Taylor

In a full mock-up crash by a light aircraft on the airfield at can be achieved. Cranfield, the investigators are

provided with air traffic tapes and eye-witness reports and significant pieces of wreckage are deliberately sited some distance away from the immediate crash area. The wouldbe detectives are also taken through the jungle of international agreements which dictate the procedure when an aircraft is built in one country, registered in another and crashes in a third,

"Uncovering the critical cause of the accident is only the beginning of the trail," Taylor says .
"What led up to it and what followed as a consequence are just as important, as well as discovering why the fault proved a disaster. After all, aircraft are designed to absorb considerable amage while still keeping airborne until an emergency landing

"And often the investigation

has to go beyond the point of simply identifying the cause, to make absolutely sure that other found to be the cause, that increasingly regular checks were demanded on the condition of factors were not involved. For "geriatric jets" example, in the BEA Vanguard The metal fatigue had never crash in Belgium in 1971, it was been picked up by routine inspecquickly established that metal tions, because the longer an corrosion had weakened the rear aircraft remains in service, the

pressure bulkhead and the air

passing through blew the tailplane

up like a balloon before tearing it

off. It was still necessary, however,

to try to find out whether the

aircraft had been manoeuvring

violently at the time, thus putting

exceptional pressure on the

Information provided by the

investigators often leads to

changes in aviation procedure. It

was not until the crash at Lusaka,

in Zambia, in 1977, when the tailplane came off a Boeing 707

and massive metal fatigue was

bulkhead."

more confident people tended to become in its durability," Taylor It is nearly always the detailed examination of the wreckage on the ground which provides the definitive cause of any crash.

Which is why Taylor re-emphasized yesterday the appeal to treasure hunters to hand over their collections at Lockerbie. "And, even if they do it anonymously, they should attach a ticket indicating exactly where it was found. Such information could still provide the vital clue."

There is a point in the life of all parents when it becomes impossible to hide the fact that they lack the knowledge, or

they lack the knowledge, or the honesty, or both, to answer their children's questions fully. Parents react to this expo-sure of fallibility either by binstering, changing the sub-ject, being economical with the truth, feigning migraine or referring. Beaver Welchtman partner. Barry Weightman

It is called Early Times, is aimed at young people be-tween four and 17, and will celebrate its first year of publication on January 13. The questions which stumped The questions which stumped him came from his three young children, Katherine, David and Christopher, aged 12, 10 and 7 respectively, and they included variations on the classic poser: "Daddy, what's the difference between nuclear power and nuclear energy?"

At that time, which was two years ago, Weightman was a 42-year-old lecturer in mechanical engineering at Imperial College, London. He had been convinced by his children, in the most practical way,

# A big scoop for children

Alan Franks reports on a best-seller

newspaper by, and for, young people

paper. So he talked to a now has an editorial staff of journalist friend from his days three, all in their twenties. In as a student at King's College, London, drew up a business plan and persuaded friends and colleagues to contribute to

and colleagues to contribute to a starting capital of £100,000. He began by printing a run of 50,000 copies, which sold out. One year on, he sells that number regularly and reckons that, because of the natural elements of family in school in the readership, each copy of Early Times is seen by five or

more people.

His specially founded company, Garth Publications, is now making a modest profit. The present editor is Robert that there was a gap in the Dunkley, aged 37, who has market for a serious but not come from the Reading Chron-

over-solean children's news- icle group of local papers and

tors, he considers his publica-

tion to be nothing less than "the most influential newspaper in the country".

"We are dealing with important world issues for an andience whose minds are in the formative years. We cover those things that are going to be the crucial issues in the decades ahead."

One of the most successful and widely publicized features has been the innovation of the Press Gang, which any reader can join by completing an application form. Through this network of fledgling free-lances, Dunkley receives about final very seriously indeed."

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Early Times is published fin with The Times on Tuesday.

100 reports weekly of a broad range of events up and down the country.

The Gang's most celebrated assignment was the interview-ing of the Prime Minister in June at 10 Downing Street by four of its members.

More recently, a small corps has made a four-day visit to the United States, covering a Press conference at the White House, interviewing an astronaut, visiting the offices of the Washington Post, going to a police station in Manhattan. the traditional manner of edi-

An even more unusual proposition beckons in the coming year, for the Moscow press agency Novosti has invited a delegation to visit the

"We do get complaints occa-sionally," Weightman says. "I had a chap ringing up the other day to complain about an article on Santa Claus. His objection was that it could be read by a young child in such a way as to suggest that Father Christmas didn't exist. I took that very seriously indeed."

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MAKING LIVES WORTH LIVING

### Once upon a perfect time... will release a which Mr G. Porgey, unem-

Most people look forward to "three cans of Christmas, but this should not beer". Oh, shame allow us to forget those in our on Abigail's daddy! community for whom it represents a period of desolation, a not even have the time when they are cut off from their normal source of that it is a lowconsolation. For MPs, the tenday Christmas recess comes as a bitter blow. Mercilessly locked out of the Chamber, in which they have grown used to setting the world to rights, they roam their constituencies like men adrift, their opinions unheeded and unsought. Last Tuesday, with only two

condemning days left, a group publishers! of 54 MPs managed to cram in a bit of last-minute condemnation when one chanced upon a children's book called Abigail On The Beach.
"Unsuitable," gasped Mr
David Tredinnick (Cons, Bosworth) as his 53 sensitive friends elbowed in to have a In Abigail On The Beach a

six-year-old girl says to two much, much further. boys: "You touch one of my towers and I'll get my daddy to hang you both upside down by the heels. He's in the Mafia." Oh, horror! Meanwhile, Abigail's daddy is drinking 

The author does encourage a young

Brown child to think drinking beer was a

nice thing to do,"
Mr Tredinnick commented. Oh, the wicked lies of Abigail's The 54 MPs who signed the

Early Day Motion calling on Collins to withdraw the book have now done everything they possibly can to prevent marauding bands of six-year-old alcoholics and their Mafia fathers terrorizing our beaches. But all decent people will wish them to take their campaign of condemnation

Already, a special commission has been set up to investigate widespread olence trading under the title of "children's entertainment". In January Mr Douglas Hurd



likely targets are: home owned by

three bears - must in future be by an astute member of Neighbourhood Watch. In subsequent scenes, the three bears will be seen eating their porridge in peace.

Snow White. This tale in-

volves a poisoned apple. The Government would like to make it clear that there is no such thing as a poisoned apple, though the young, sick and elderly should avoid all apples, and everyone else should cook apples for at least them, or otherwise send them straight to Armenia.

"Freedom from ployed, indecently assaults Fairytales" White young women and then tries Paper which will to evade arrest must on no herald a crackaccount be recited in the home. down on this type This restriction also applies to of "entertain- "London Bridge Is Falling ment." Among his Down", which erroneously of "entertainsuggests structural faults in a Goldilocks. The monument regularly inspectfirst scene - in ed by the Ministry of the which a young girl Environment, "Oranges and is guilty of break- Lemons", which includes ing and entering a scenes of mass decapitation. and "Three Blind Mice" which, following complaints rewritten to include her arrest from the RSPCA, has been deemed "gratuitously violent". Leader of the special com-

mission, Sir Humphrey T. Dumteigh, MP for the safest Conservative seat in the country, already claims to have witnessed far worse. "I have seen elderly, defenceless ladies shut in curboards by transvestite wolves, young girls mercilessly tormented by their older sisters, senior citizens thrown into blazing furnaces by children and a young girl and boy 25 minutes before eating going up a hill and falling from a great height, with serious injury," he says "Whatever Georgey Porgey. This wholly unsuitable nursery rhyme in children's entertainment?"

SHEILA GUNN

nother ministerial head could be on the chopping block if the farming lobby reads the Lords' contribution to the eggs controversy in *Hansard*. Peers, already poisoned once by raw eggs in their mayonnaise, swore never to touch the things again after listening to attempts at things again after listening to attempts at reassurance from Lady Trumpington, their Lordships' farming minister. "Trumpers", as she is known, freely admitted that the 51 reported outbreaks of salmonella poisoning were but the tip of the iceberg. Figures were "purely speculative", she said. Would Lady Seear, she asked disingenuously, inform the public health service if she was taken ill? "There are so many people who may have had salmonella," she reported.

I fullike the unfortunate "Fees" Edwina.

Unlike the unfortunate "Eggs" Edwina, Trumpers attended the William Whitelaw school of ministerial survival (motto: If in doubt, apologize). Realizing that even she might have gone a bit far, she apologized "most profusely" for implying that one out of every 10 eggs was not safe to eat. Her gaffes are easily explained. Her civil servants had no time to brief her before she went to the dispatch hox. Without their guidance she was imprecise about details.

Still on eggs; peers are developing a guilty conscience over the lack of them under the pelicans in St James's Park. Lords' ministers have been seen spying on the poor birds and Lord Stodart of Leaston reports they formed an appreciative audience when he tried out his Commons' maiden speech on them at 4am one summer morning 30 years ago. The Green minister Lord Caithness, admits he has not discovered the sex of the four remaining birds. But no pelican in the park has laid an egg since the first were presented in the time of

ord Caliaghan is unrepentant about tucking into an enormous Christmas hamper (no eggs included), in spite of outraging one of his former MPs, Dennis Skinner. The Beast of Bolsover's eyes lit up when he spotted a posh hamper addressed to the ex-premier, delivered to Parliament courtesy of the Arab-owned, Luxembourgbased Bank of Credit and Commerce. He protested at such unashamed indulgence in the Commons. Callaghan freely admits accepting the gift from the bank's president, Agha Hasan Abedi, He also accepted £2 million from Abedi, the first donation made to his scheme for helping Commonwealth students study in Britain.

ady Elliot of Harwood, one of the first batch of four women to take seats in the Lords 30 years ago, is likely to go down in history as the peer who tried to stop parents hitting their children. Acres of newsprint, agency tape and radio time have been devoted to the idea in recent days. But like other political figures — "What crisis?" Callaghan and "On yer bike" Tebbit — she is the victim of mis-quotation. True, she has added her name to an amendment to the Children Bill to outlaw corporal punishment of children in care. But she has no intention of imposing such a radical change in the law on all parents with miscreant

Now nearly 86, the still active peer - halfsister to Margot Asquith - indulged in her own brand of mischief during her childhood when she played in the nursery at 10 Downing Street. She used to throw teddy bears on to suffragettes who chained themselves to the railings below.

#### BARRY FANTONI



'You nick cars, Hopkins. Ever thought of joining the Anti-Terrorist Squad?'

esentment is festering among Owenites in the Lords. After losing their battle of the benches to the SLDs, the 25 SDP peers are gradually losing what they consider to be their right to be called to question government statements. The dispute resulted in a most unseemly dispute in the Chamber this week when the SDP's Lord Walston attempted to follow Labour and Democrat spokesmen. Both Lord Waiston and the senior Tory backbencher, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, stood resolutely, refusing to give way. With no Speaker to rule, the Lords' leader, Lord Belstead, was eventually forced to step in and, very politely, opted for Boyd-Carpenter.

oliticians, of course, know nothing about acting. Or so Richard Luce, the Arts Minister, assured the cream of Britain's artistic world. He held a very jolly lunch at Admiralty House, bringing together ministers including Kenneth Baker, Tim Renton and Paul Channon with Sir John Gielaud, Sir Alec Guinness, Donald Sinden and an all-star supporting cast. He, and the actors, hope it will become an annual gettogether for their mutual benefit. But while Luce may have reassured the stars that ministers are not after their jobs, perhaps it will spark off Reaganesque political aspirations among the performers?

ord "Bertie" Denham's endeavours to lay down the law in the Upper House over the complex rules on how to address the ranks of dukes, marguesses riscounts, barons, etc. rather backfired. In his first missive he inadvertently got it wrong himself, upsetting past and present judges of the "superior court" by forgetting to remind peers to refer to them as "noble and learned". He has now issued a second

### Tony Ridley contributes to The Times debate on the capital's traffic

# London's larger choices

longer able to cope. The questions this raises are: should such movement be in some way constrained; and what kind of londer do me want for the Public transport in London in the 1970s was a political football London do we want for the 1990s and the next century? There was no consistency of London has been booming. If policy and investment was it is 10 prosper as a world grossly neglected. Little or no financial centre, to compete as a European capital after 1992, to cope with increased activity when the Channel tunnel is action was taken in the face of increasing car ownership. Some progress was made with parking open, and to capitalize on large controls, but supplementary developments such as those at licensing for cars and road Canary Wharf and King's Cross, pricing were only nervously then new transport capacity is required. Do we want growth, or do we want to restrict it? hispered about.

As to rail, there has been progress in the 1980s, but it has been a question of running to keep up with the growth of traffic. Three-quarters of central London commuters arrive at work by rail each day. Since the Underground produced its first strategy document in 1983 the number of passengers carried annually has increased from 500 million to 800 million. Investment doubled to £200 million over the same period, but most of it was needed to catch up with past neglect.
It has been forecast that on top

of the enormous increases in

travel in the past few years there we should be seeking. Certainly is the prospect of journeys the GLC had failed as a strategic increasing by 20 per cent in the peak and 30 per cent in the offpeak times.

The public naturally sees the problem in terms of overcrowding and delays on the Underground, safety, and the moving and parking of their cars. But congestion is the symptom, not the disease.

We cannot think about investment in roads, deregulating buses or privatizing British Rail without recognizing that all these transport questions and, indeed, all traffic congestion, relate to social and business development and land use. What kind of development of London do we want? What related transport strategy can we devise? How shall land use and transport policies be linked, and by whom shall this be done?

Lest this sound overly collectivist I should say that my 1960s experience of the "grand plan" does not suggest that that is what authority long before Ken Liv-ingstone arrived at County Hall. But large private sector com-panies pursue long-term strat-egies. Why should not London?

There was no problem about Conservative and Labour politicians agreeing on a strategy when I was in Newcastle upon Type, and the result was the Tyne and Wear Metro. Hong Kong bastion of free enterprise, had no problem about devising an integrated set of transport policies — and we produced the mass transit railway, probably the most successful in the world. Singapore, rumoured to be admired in Downing Street, quite happily ries its planning and transport policies together, and has a tough car restraint policy

for its city centre. There are fortunately some stirrings in this country. Since September 1987, all through the trauma of the King's Cross fire and the enormous pressure of

the 91-day public inquiry. London Underground was working to produce a new strategy and a management reorganization. They are in place. The plan for action has been produced and the Government has responded with more than £300 million for investment next year, compared with the record £200 million last year.

In January of this year I hosted a weekend of lateral thinking and invited both Network SouthEast and Department of Transport officials to discuss a rail strategy for London. Six weeks later the Secretary of State announced the Central London Rail Study. The CBI is also turning its

attention to transport issues, and the private sector is coming forward with interesting proposals. For example, the City Com-muter Services Group has been busy with London Transport in promoting the transport in-terests of the City. The professions also are active. The Institution of Civil Engineers is conducting an inquiry into con-gestion, and the Chartered Insti-nic of Transport will host a con-

ference on congestion in May.

So people are thinking positively and strategically, and detailed proposals are being worked out. But no one has yet related all of this to the broad issues of several and business. issues of social and business development to housing poli-cies for London, to pressure on the Green Belt, to 1992 and the Channel tunnel.

What is clearly necessary is some forum where all the complex issues can be addressed, a strategy produced, priorities set and financial questions examined - whether funding is to be public or private or mixed. Each of us no doubt has our HRE

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own idea of what this might be. A variety of suggestions have been made, such as a new metropolitan authority, an enlarged London Transport. 2 powerful Cabinet committee or even a royal commission.

We are shaping the future of London. Will it be by design or

The author was formerly chairman of London Underground, managing director of the Hong Kong Mass Transit Railway, and director general of the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive.

#### **David Mellor**

# Learning to save the children

y the cruellest of ironies the full horror of the dismal life and terrible death of Dorcen Mason is revealed on the eve of Christmas, the very time when children are most indulged. Of course the millions of children who will awake on Sunday to a mass of presents and love will tell a truer tale about the lot of children in Britain today than the fate of little Doreen. But there has been no shortage of Doreen Masous in recent times. And there are around 40,000 children registered as "at risk" up and down the country. When it comes to child abuse we have nothing to be complacent about.

Traffic congestion in London

has been with us for many years, but it has now arrived as a political issue. It is caused by the

increasing numbers of people using a transport network no

In the late 1960s I worked for

the Greater London Council, as

ehief research officer producing

statistics for highway planners. Not 12 inches of road was ever built as a result of my four years

of providing data, though we did

manage to introduce area traffic

control for traffie signals. Al-though Londoners objections ensured that there would be no

road programme of any sub-

stance, no one in government, the GLC or elsewhere looked

ahead to the consequences of not

having a proper road network.

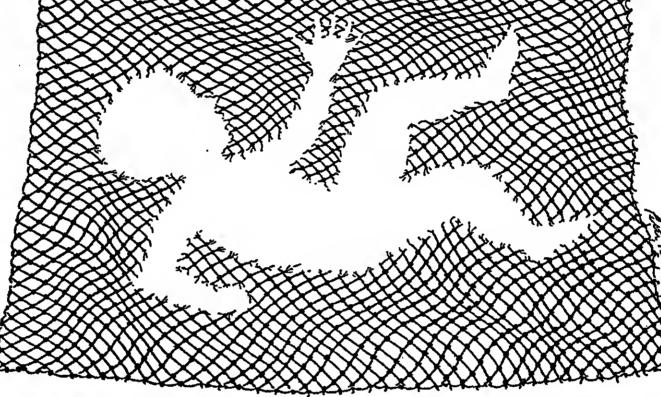
After each such tragedy, people say this must never happen again. Realistically, as long as people are prepared to behave as wickedly as Christine Mason and Roy Aston there will always be tragic lives like

But no one can study the literature of child abuse without being convinced that we can and must do better. It is a sobering thought that since 1973 there have been seven statutory in-quiries and 28 local ones into child abuse. There is a depressingly familiar ring about the Cleveland, which was about overzealous, rather than lacklustre, social work. For the most part they all point up the failure of various agencies to work effectively together to protect children at risk, and poor to indifferent management of cases.

Fair-minded people must concede that few decisions are more sensitive and difficult than whether to remove a child from its parents to ensure its protection. So we must have the clearest possible framework of law, with all necessary powers to intervene in proper cases, while safeguarding the rights of par-ents. That is why we have introduced the Children Bill, and why I hope and pray that in a wholly non partisan at-

mosphere in both Houses, the best and most experienced

brains will work together to try to ensure we have the detail



right. Another chance may not arise for a generation. The Bill provides for a new Emergency Protection Order.

which has been hailed as a great improvement on the old Place of Safety Orders. The new order emerged only after the most careful consultation. But difficult issues remain to be considered during the Bill's passage.

For example, do we need a new order, a Child Assessment Order, to sit alongside the Emergency Protection Order? Should social workers have a right of entry into homes where abuse is suspected? At the moment the Bill answers each of these questions in the negative, but we look forward to hearing the views of Parliament and will not hesitate well alongside other significant changes in courtroom procedures designed to make it easier to bring child abusers to book. Thanks to the Criminal Justice Act 1988, a child's sworn evidence now stands on its own merits, without the need for corroboration. New arrange-ments in the Act for video links will, I hope, put a child more at ease when giving evidence about distressing incidents.

o legal framework will be effective, however, unless those who operate it and motivated, and behave sensibly. That is why we have announced a package of mea-sures to improve social work to make changes, should con-trary arguments be persuasive.

The Bill, when law, will sit is why, in recent publications

like Working Together, and in the creation of Area Child Protection Committees, we have sought to disseminate best practice and to establish proper co-operation, up to the highest levels, between all the agencies involved.

Inevitably and necessarily a heavy responsibility devolves upon individual social workers. They must identify children at serious risk; closely and regularly monitor their health and development; work wherever pos-sible with the family to secure the child's protection; and be so closely in touch that emergency action can be taken as soon as

circumstances arise to justify it. None of this is easy. But equally there is no point in having social workers if they cannot do this. And of course we know that most of them can. Most children at risk are protected. About 8,000 place of safety orders were made last year. There is a mass of good social work being done which shows that a high level of person-

al responsibility can be imposed and properly discharged. That is why we have to root out the kind of inadequacies which seem to have prevailed in the Southwark social services department. An inquiry is inevitable to find out exactly what went wrong. But we also have to look to the future. This will be done by our own Social Services Inspectorate, whose report on Southwark's ability to handle such cases properly from now on will be available and made public, it is to be boped, by the

end of the inquiry.

A Southwark MP, Simon Hughes, has spoken of "a trag-

We shall see if that description is justified. But Southwark's reputation in social services was depressingly low even before this case, and illustrates another problem. A big spending authority, constantly propagandizing about "services", can nevertheless, despite spending money like water, appear to run a pretty poor show. What we do not want are predictable excuses about "lack of resources", if the real problems are, as many suspect, ones of organization, manage-ment and individual judgement.

inally, let us not forget that the public has a role in all this, even if it just means making contributions to the National Society for the Prevention of Crucky to Children. We must be clear about one thing. Many of these wretched cases do not arise from a sudden explosion of

As in Doreen Mason's case, injuries are often inflicted over weeks and months. Someone must see what is happening. Someone must hear the cries of pain. We all have a duty to report any such suspicions immediately. But all too often we do not. A little child cannot t berself against abuse. If suffering is ignored by those who know full well what is happening, no amount of law or social workers will avert a tragedy.

Surely all of us can accept that every child has a right to grow up without being abused. It must be one of the hallmarks of a civilized society that children are not abused, and when they are we all care enough to intervene. Man's inhumanity to child will not end with Doreen Mason. just as public anguish over Kimberley Carlile and Jasmine Beckford did not prevent Doreen's death. But surely the time has arrived for all of us to commit ourselves to do better, in the clear knowledge that this is not mere rhetoric, and that there are practicable steps that can and must be taken.

The author is Minister for Health and MP for Putney.

#### Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

# Punishment in duplicate

Nineteen-year-old Mark Bright will spend this Christmas away from home and without any relatives around him for the first time in his life. He is in Brixton jail. Like all the other inmates of Britain's penal institutions he will not be allowed visitors on either Christmas Day or on Boxing Day - so as not to inconvenience the warders. Mark was sentenced to six months in prison at the Old

Bailey last week for causing death by reckless driving. There are few who would deny that he ought to be punished, though many would doubt the wisdom of shutting him behind bars instead of putting him to work for the community. No one would argue that his

parents should also be punished. But they, like thousands of other relatives of offenders, are sharing the sentence. Indeed, in many cases the incidental punishment that is meted out to them and the suffering that they endure is far greater than that experienced by the criminal

The families of felons are not separated only at Christmas. For them it is a year-round fact of life. It is, of course, an unfortunate, regrettable but necessary consequence of the incarceration of their relatives; while we

employ imprisonment as a punishment it is something the families will have to put up with. Wives will have to sustain their families without the income and support of their husbands and children will have to manage

without fathers. But while it may be necessary to be realistic and philosophical about this there is no need at all

to add to the problems of prisoners' wives and families. Yet we do, all the time. In almost every aspect of our dealings with them we act in a brotal and insensitive manner. The inno-cent not only suffer alongside the guilty but are given a double and sometimes treble dose.

The relatives of prisoners are allowed only one half-hour visit, once a month. When they arrive at the prison, often after a long, expensive and tiring journey to a remote location, they are made to wait outside, whatever the weather. Then, as every one of them will testify, they are patronized and condescended to by prison officers, treated as criminals, and herded like cattle into crowded and noisy visiting rooms with no privacy, and with the minimum of physical contact allowed with the prisoner

What is amazing about all this is that any family relationship survives at all. Instead of mitigating the difficulties of the offenders and their families, we add to their problems. Letting them meet for six hours a year m artificial and difficult surroundines is not the best way to keep a family together and to prepare a man for his release and reintegration into the commu-

nity. In fact, it is plain daft.
But the separation, humili-ation and despair that the families of offenders experience is only a fraction of the punishment society inflicts upon them. They are also treated as criminals. As Mark's mother, Sandra, said on Kilroy!: "We feel as if we are being treated as criminals." The offenders' relatives are stig-The offenders' relatives are stig-matized. They lose their own committed a crime."

driver's mother", "the murder-er's mother", "the rapist's wife". Many of them are ostracized

by the local community. Thus Mark's mother spoke of the friends who had disappeared and of how she and her husband were named by their neighbours. It is even worse for the relatives of a murderer or a rapist. While the offender is shut safely away in prison it is the relatives who are left to face many of the conquences of the crime.

So the mother of the murderer (or even the suspected murderer) is scorned by her neighbours. The rapist's wife is physically and mentally assaulted and she and her children are the subject of death threats.

This kind of treatment is difficult enough for anyone to have to deal with. Yet for many of the relatives of criminals it is by no means the end of their ordeal. Not only are they reviled and shunned by their former friends and current neighbours but their own families also join in the process of dishing out a double dose of punishment,

The women of men in prison

give testimony to the way in which their own families have tended to disown them. As the rapist's wife said: "Nobody can understand how I can stand by him." Not only does her own father and brother refuse to speak to her but even her husband's family has cut her off. It is a common reaction. As the wife of a robber, whose mother will not see her, explained: "My family cannot understand how I

While adults may be able to accommodate themselves to this kind of hostility, children have an even worse time. Apart from the well-documented psychological effects resulting from imprisonment of their fathers, they are also bullied and taunted at school, and not just by other children. It was an adult who put his hand around the neck of the seven-year-old son of an imprisoned strangler, saying: "This is what your father did."

The families of offenders pay a high price for the crimes of their relatives. Some of it cannot be avoided. It is not possible to allow all offenders to serve their sentences in the community though a much higher proportion could than do at the moment - or substantially to reduce all of their sentences, though that, again, is possible for most with-

out endangering the public. We could, however, reduce the burden of this double sentence by treating the wives and families of prisoners with dignity and respect at the prison, and by providing adequate facilities for them there. That, of course, takes time and money. No time or money is needed to bring about the greatest change of all: that of our attitude to offenders' relatives.

If, this Christmas and New Year, when we are asked to think about those families that are separated, we give a thought to those with relatives in prison and determine that in the future they, the innocent, will not be treated as criminals, then we will achieve more, at a stroke, than any government and every ON THIS DAY

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which as hitherto constructe It is hard to reconcile the priter's

seeing on the annual London-Brighton run. EARTHQUAKE OR MOTOR-CAR. TO THE EDITOR OF

"monster machines" with those cherished veterans we enjoy

THE TIMES. Sir,-It will, I think, be readily granted that a healthy man, and an habitual resident in London, on going to bed tired out after a day of mental and physical work extending over 18 hours, will probably be able to sleep through all the ordinary and most of the

extraordinary street noises of this metropolis.
At a few minutes after 4 o'clock this (Friday) morning, however, there occurred in this neighbourbood, and not by any means for the first time, such a rumbling, thundering sound, and such a vibration of the whole house and its contents, as most effectually to arouse, not to say alarm, every occupant herein. The cause was a motor traction machine, which shook the house to its very foundation and caused the bed upon which for a short three hours I had been sleeping to

rettle and vibrate like a dinnergong strock by a drumstick . . . There are different views entertained by different persons shout motor-cars — some dislike, others like them. There are many persons who think that motorcarriages offend against every canon of aesthetic feeling by their noises, their smells, their rattlings, their dust, and their ugliness; they are struck with astonishment that any of their friends or acquaintances should phaetons, or any such like ve-hicle, covered or open - none of they assert, can be possibly regarded, even by their greatest advocates, as being of "gentle-manly", not to say stylish, design; whilst persons of the most aristocratic or modish type look common, if not actually shoddy, when occupying these carriages. It would, of course, be most unressonable for those who abominate motors to be allowed to check their employment or utility; they must tolerate them as they have to do many other, to them, annoyances ... But, Sir, there ought surely to be a limit to

the licence of these monster machines in the streets of a large magnines in the stress of a mag-city, not only as to their pace and momentum, but as to the noise they create and the effect they produce upon the property of other people. As a ratepayer, whose local rates have increased in 11 years

at least £20 a year for the same holding, has one not a right to ask that the roadways may be secured against the damage which must result from the passing along them of such cumbrous loco motives? As a citizen, is it unreasonable to remonstrate against one's sleep being disturbed by traffic which in its effects resembles an earthquake?

Are such dangers to be permitted in our streets, like the steamboats on the cansis of Venice? and are they to be regarded as harmless and unobjectionable because they do not bring our walls immediately about our ears, and because it is only by slow degrees that our roadways (many of which are undermined more or less by cellars or sewers) sink, the foundations of our houses crumble, and our main walls insid-

iously crack and yield? I have the bonour to remain, Sir, your obedient servant, HENRY MORRIS. 8. Cavendish square. December 19.



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### FIRE-EYED DEFIANCE

"The crash of the whole solar and stellar systems could only kill you once", Lockerbie's most distinguished local hero, Thomas Carlyle, once wrote - as though anticipating the need, 150 years in the future, to comfort his descendants. At least 17 of them were killed on Wednesday night by crashing debris from the air and, to judge from their own graphic words, it certainly did seem that the "liquid fire", "pure orange" and "hailstones of metal" meant nothing less than an Apocalypse.

As they, and the rest of the world, quickly discovered, the reality was more prosaic, if no less panic-worthy for those in the disaster's path. A Boeing 747 jet, flying over the town on its way to New York, had been blasted out of the Scottish sky.

Comfort and relief, more gentle than Carlyle's, followed quickly to the people of Lockerbie. First came the rescue services, whose role was rightly praised in Parliament yesterday morning. Then came visits by the Duke of York and the Prime Minister, and the messages of foreign statesmen and the Pope.

After that came questions and anger. No comfort could avail the 258 passengers and crew whose bodies had rained on to the surrounding woods and golf-links. While the cause of the crash may still turn out to be metal fatigue or the like, terrorism is much the more likely.

The American ambassador was quick to point out the likelihood of a bomb on board the jet. So too were other well-informed sources. The attack was claimed by an Iranianassociated group as retaliation for the loss of 290 lives in the shooting down of an Airbus by the USS Vincennes in the Gulf five months ago. Despite arguments linking the crash to the TWA hijack in Beirut and anti-Arafat factions in the PLO, this claim of retaliation was, by last night, the most credible.

Attacks of such sophistication require time to plan. It needs never to be forgotten that those fighting terrorism are no longer locked against an enemy which is reckless, quick-reacting and, if necessary, suicidal. Modern terrorists are calm killers with a well-workedout theory of how to dominate democracies by power and fear. Terrorism can only be countered by vigilance and a willingness to respond in kind. The deaths around Lockerbie must strengthen the will for those responses.

It does not appear that vigilance was the watchword surrounding Pan-Am's Frankfurt-to-New York flight, 103. It emerged yesterday that earlier this month American embassies in Europe received a warning of just such a bomb attack as occurred.

In the US Embassy in Moscow, the circular note from Mr William C. Kelly specified the airline and the airport, while making it clear that any decision on altering travel plans was at the "the discretion of individual travellers". Where this warning came from and how widely it was distributed remain matters of secrecy and dispute. US embassy staff do appear, however, to have been given semi-public information that was unavailable to American students, business executives, even soldiers, still less to the other passengers whose relatives mourn their loss today.

The inquiries into the disaster will inevitably have to take place on both sides of the Atlantic. A critical area has to be the procedures for transferring baggage between the "feeder jets" from Germany to Heathrow and the "jumbojets" for the journey to America.

It is to be hoped that the investigations are swift, thorough and that their findings are produced as openly as possible. But today emphasis has to be on the grief that also spans the Atlantic. The passenger list of Flight 103 its American executives working in Germany, its American students studying in London, its American soldiers returning home from the defence of Western freedoms — speaks powerfully of the links that join the continents.

This Christmas the relatives of those on board are uniquely bound to the people of Lockerbie. Carlyle once urged upon himself the casting aside of misery for "indignation and grim, fire-eyed defiance". We urge the sharing of the sadness, the anger and the determination to defy and defeat the terrorists

#### A PALACE FROZEN

President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire, whose long rule has reduced his rich country to penury, has never subscribed to the tired colonialist notion that beggars cannot be choosers, Exploiting mineral-rich Zaire's strategic importance to the West he has consistently treated his main backers - France, the United States and Belgium, the former colonial power - with an antocrat's contempt. He is now launched on a major row with Belgium which could lead to the severance of diplomatic relations.

Mr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian Prime Minister, innocently incurred the President's wrath by offering, on a goodwill visit to Zaire last month, to forgive a third of Zaire's repayments on a Belgian government loan and to suspend for 14 years repayments on its government-guaranteed commercial debt. The gesture unfortunately provoked an uproar in

the Belgian press.

Articles appeared arguing that the money would be better spent alleviating the effects, at home, of Belgium's stringent deficit-cutting austerity programme, since aid to Zaire simply lined ministerial pockets. President Mobutu himself, whose lifestyle is legendary even by the standards of African rulers, was compared with one of the Third World's most celebrated "kleptocrats", former President Marcos of the Philippines.

A furious President Mobutu dispatched his Foreign Minister, Mr Nguza Karl-I-Bond, to throw the offer back in Mr Martens' face. The "privileged relationship" with Belgium, the President announced, was over because it had "insulted a so-called friendly head of state". He ordered Zaire's state-owned companies to relocate elsewhere in Europe and its 15,000 citizens in Belgium to remove themselves, and their assets, from the country by the month's end.

The Belgian Government humbly sent its Foreign Minister, Mr Leo Tindemans, to Kinshasa to make peace. But while he was there a Belgian court, responding to a suit brought by a Belgian company whose assets in Zaire had been expropriated without compensation by President Mobutu, froze some of the President's personal assets in Belgium - estimated at more than £3 million and including his "presidential palace" in a Brussels suburb.

President Mobutu will not miss such small change. His foreign bank holdings are estimated at \$5 billion, and he is reasonably well equipped at home, owning 11 palaces (stocked with plants flown from South Africa by a presidentially-chartered Concorde). But his pride may well force a total rift which would harm Zaire's economy more than Belgium's.

Mr Martens may well have reasoned that Belgium was simply making a suitable contribution to Western efforts to alleviate sub-Saharan Africa's debt crisis. He has been put on notice that there is a limit to Belgian tax-payers' willingness to finance corrupt dictators. But if relations are broken off, President Mobutu may have the last laugh.

He once described Belgium as "an awkward country to deal with, small and plagued by tribal rivalries". Disagreements on handling the crisis between the Flemish and Frenchspeaking members of Mr Martens' Cabinet suggest that almost any pretext, in Belgium's chronically divided Government, will suffice to bear him out.

#### IN ASHES AGAIN

The collapse of England's cricket tour of New Zealand is a sad but predictable consequence of Pakistan's refusal to take part. The triangular one-day tournament which would have underpinned the tour financially, had to be cancelled - which made this week's decision virtually inevitable.

It is the second time this winter that England's cricketing programme has been overturned. The original plan was a major tour of India, which then refused visas to eight English players because of their South African connections. The reason for Pakistan's with-

drawal is the same. Neither India nor Pakistan deserves much credit. No Test cricket has been played between England and South Africa since the "D'Oliveira tour" was called off acrimoniously 20 years ago. British players who take part in

"rebel" tours there have been disciplined. Those who go as individuals during the winter, to make a living by playing or coaching, are allowed to, however. They have individual rights which should not be lightly restrained.

Strictly the Gleneagles Agreement does not apply to Pakistan, which left the Commonwealth six years before it and has not so far returned. Friendly countries should respect this country's policy. Unfortunately England's position is unique. It is only here that cricket is played during the short summer season, leaving players on six-month contracts to fend largely for themselves during the winter. The large sums offered by South Africa to individuals are a temptation which many with family commitments find irresistible.

A proposal from Worcestershire, by Mr Duncan Fearnley, that England should retaliate by banning all overseas players from joining county sides here in the summer, has been opposed by most other county repre-

sentatives. They think it would do more harm than good by damaging county finances - while deepening the rift between England and the rest of the cricketing world. A more specific 

means of reprisal would be to ban only those players from countries which have acted in this way - in this case, for instance, Pakistan and India. But since Imran Khan ended his contract with Sussex last season it is unclear how many Pakistan players might be attached to English county sides next summer, and the Indian representation is not large. Whether it would put any pressure on the authorities at home, is doubtful.

Most overseas players in England are West Indian - whose cricketing authorities are in fact the most radical of all in demanding still tougher sanctions against South Africa. But a solution must be found before England is due to tour the West Indies in 12 months time.

Indeed it might have to be found in one month's time, when the International Cricket Conference meets at Lord's to consider the issue. Before the ICC will be a resolution which would enshrine the right of host countries to refuse entry to any players it finds unacceptable. This should be deplored as contrary to the spirit of international cricket. But it could still put the Test and County Cricket Board in a difficult and potentially humiliating position.

So far the only sign of a compromise is a suggestion that the new measure should start from now. While players who went to South Africa in future should recognize the risk to their Test careers, those who had already been (like those involved in the current fraces) should start with a clean sheet.

It certainly follows that if new rules are to be written, they should not be retrospective. If they were it would be a bleak outcome for individual rights.

If the TCCB cannot persuade other countries to accept England's own policy in this matter, it might have to settle for a compromise of this kind. The approach of the London special conference, however, does not excuse either India or Pakistan for using England badly in this matter. Their self-righteous unfriendly attitude deserves the very strongest condemnation.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

him that the PNC decision re-

placed the PLO charter in relation

to the existence of Israel. Bassam

Abu Sharif replied that it did. He

repeated what he had written in

the MidEast Mirror magazine on

The Charter of the PLO...has been superseded by the decisions of the PNC, the author of the Charter.

By endorsing a two-state solution, the PNC has abandoned the one-state solution mentioned in the

It is these declarations which

should now be put to the test in

real negotiations. It is for this that all who wish Israel a secure future

for ever, and not just for as long as

her military preponderance in the region can give it her, should now

WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE

Foreign and Commonwealth Office,

King Charles Street, SWI.

The eggs scare

From Mrs Hilary Barker
Sir, All this attention and Government support being given to egg
producers in the light of the

salmonella scare leaves me cold. It is not that I don't sympathise.

like many, has been struggling to survive since pig prices plum-

meted a year ago — a result of cheap imports of pork becoming available because of subsidies given to Danish and Dutch pork

No help was offered by the Government to them, despite the

ontery made by pig farmers. If it's

that we require a junior health minister to point out the facts to the public before the Government

will undertake to resolve such

situations, then let's hope there are a few more Edwina Curries about

Riverice, Hull Road, Dunswell, Hull, Humberside.

Teacher transfer

From Mr Nigel de Gruchy Sir, I do oot wish to comment oo

the crisis in the Highbury Quadrant school (report, December 13;

letters, December 14, 16, 19, 21) as

I am not privy to all the facts. However, I oote with just a little

pleasure that, according to Neil Fletcher, Ilea leaders are at last

converted to the commonsense

propositioo that "teachers are best

As an Ilea teacher and local

NAS/UWT representative for

over 10 years in the Ilea in the

unfortunately unsuccessfully, to

employed to teach".

commonsense approach.

Deputy General Secretary

National Association of School-

22 Upper Brook Street, W1.

masters/Union of Women Teachers,

From the General Secretary of the

Association of University Teachers

Sir, Vice-chancellors and leaders

of universities claim (December

17) that the examination boycott

proposed by the Association of University Teachers (AUT) is indefensible, and threaten to re-

sign from the AUT if it proceeds.

majority for this action, not because they have any desire to

disrupt universities or penalise

students, but because they feel it is

the only avenue left open to them.

For 11 months vice-chancellors

have refused to negotiate a pay

increase. They will not commit the

money they have now, preferring

to hope for additional Govern-ment funding.

levels from Government is essen-

given an informal indication that

they intend to approach Govern-

Are the vice-chancellors who threaten to resign from the AUT

also prepared to resign from the

vice-chancellors' committee? If

they would start realistic negotia-

tions, then perhaps the action, which neither side wants, could be

General Secretary, Association of University Teachers,

ment for more money.

More money for realistic pay

Members have voted by a 2-1

NIGEL de GRUCHY.

Exam boycott

Yours faithfully

in Westminster!

ours faithfully

HILARY BARKER

My husband is a pig farmer and,

December 22.

November 28, namely:

'big science'
From Mr Amedee Turner, QC.
MEP for Suffolk and East
Cambridgeshire (European Democrat (Conservative))
Sir, Your leading article of
December 19 rightly welcomes the

British Government back into bigleague science. Over the past twoand-a-half years I have, as European Democrat spokesman for research and technology, often been at variance with the Government over the European aspect of these fields. But now the Govern-ment have safely been full players in the Community's Ecu 5 billion programme for a year and a half and only last Friday accepted a pilot Community aeronautics pro-

The change in Government policy, which I believe will transform industry's participation in research and technology, was the acceptance of the principle of pre-competitive collaborative research. This principle is the basis of European Community policies, and also of the Japanese. It is this principle that will answer your leader's comments on the industrial response to research and

Under this principle the Government leads by bringing industry and universities together on research which raises wholeindustry sectors to higher tech-nological platforms. This is the only "winner-picking" activity, to which you refer, that the Govern-ment should go in for. From these higher platforms individual firms each then compete in developing

their own competitive products. At last we have a research and At last we have a research and technology policy (except, unfortunately, in the defence field) which will elicit enterprise from industry. Of course whether the budget is high enough is a different problem, but not one of principle. Yours faithfully,

AMEDEE TURNER 3 Montrose Pface, SW1. December 21.

From Professor Sir Ewart Jones Sir, It was recently announced (report, December 16) that the UK has decided to continue to collaborate in high-energy physics at Cern (European Laboratory for Particle Physics) in Geneva.

For almost all of us it is impossible to assess the scientific gain from our investment of (now) £45 million per year. But it is possible, and now of even more importance with the shortages foreseen, to ascertain the value to our academic, industrial, and commercial communities of the manpower that has gained experi-ence at or from Cern over the last 20 years.

As important as cost-effectiveness is the need to transfer the superb technology from "Europe's most successful scientific collaborative venture", as your Science Editor describes it. This information is readily obtainable and should be made available. Yours faithfully, E. R. H. JONES,

6 Sandy Laue, Yamton, Oxford. December 16.

#### Aids charter

From the Chairman of the Council, British Medical Association Sir, The BMA believes that public education is the only way to contain the spread of HIV infection and that every effort must be made to give the public the facts.

The way in which the human immuno-deficiency virus which causes Aids will be spread further is if the largest group at risk, heterosexual men and women, are encouraged to be complacent (Sir Alfred Sherman's letter, December 14).

There is an alarming potential for future spread; the number of reports of infected heterosexual women in the UK more than doubled from 1986 to 1987.

Most people who have become infected through heterosexual intercourse have done so from partners who are not in the high-risk groups and the Department of Health and Welsh Office working group recently estimated that there are between 6,000 and 17,000 infected heterosexual adults in England and Wales.

In other countries throughout the world there are many where the heterosexual population is among those most affected. In contrast with homosexual men, who have to a large extent changed their behaviour, there is still little

Traffic troubles

#### straight road for two and a quarter

From Mr Brunsdon Yapp Sir. Traffic conditions in London (and not only London) are bad, but Christmas is not a time to be gloomy, and your readers might be reminded that within living memory things were much worse. This can be illustrated by two true stories. turns". My father used to say in the

As an undergraduate in the late 1920s, in order to go home for the vacation I had to travel between Liverpool Street and Paddington, which I normally did by Inner Circle. Once, having plenty of time, I decided to walk.

When I reached Holborn Viaduct I found myself alongside an ordinary double-decker bus. It went ahead of me for a little, and then I caught it up, and this leapfrogging continued until our ways parted at Marble Arch. I walked fast in those days, but even so, allowing for having to wait, like the bus, at road junctions, 1 must have averaged less than 3 m.p.h. The bus therefore must have averaged the same, on a

#### tial, but the vice-chancellors have modest sums they could use now. They have made no offer, merely

had ignored the warnings and advice publicised. During the last war at certain times the forces were warned that the acquiring of venereal disease

injury. A heavy-handed ruling? Not in a state of emergency.

Yours faithfully G. MURRAY JONES, 58 Danybryn Avenue, Radyr, Cardiff, South Glamorgan.

# 1 Pembridge Road, W11. December 20.

A little later, in 1930 or 1931. a friend took me to London in his Baby Austin. We sat stationary at the bottom of Bond Street for 20 minutes, before there was a gap to allow us to turn into Piccadilly. In those days there were no one-way streets or traffic lights or "no right

1930s that the traffic jams in the City were nothing like so bad as they had been in the days of the hansom cab. Since, as he used to point out, a horse-drawn vehicle. whether a hansom or the hanker's carriage and pair, takes up more space than a modern taxi or a Rolls-Royce, 1 can well believe that he was right. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, BRUNSDON YAPP,

6 Croft Lodge, Barton Road, Cambridge.

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#### New backing for A test of Palestinian promises

From the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth

Affairs Sir. Lord Rothschild (December 21) is right. The shift in position by the Palestine National Council in Algiers (reports, November 15) should be put to the test of serious, searching and specific negotia-

The Chairman of the PLO (Palestine Liberatioo Organisation) has since confirmed in Geneva oo December 14 unequivocably that this shift means explicit recognition of the right of Israel to exist within secure borders; renunciation of terrorism and violence; and acceptance of Security Council resolutions 242 and 338

It was on this basis, and on the basis of his confirmation that this was what the Algiers decisions meant, that I met Bassam Abu Sharif on December 9. In addition, I sought confirmation from

#### Rights of accused

From Mr T. G. Stanton Sir, 1 am a staunch Tory. I am not sir, I am a staunch Tory. I am not soft on terrorism. I am not soft on terrorists. Unlike Mrs Thatcher, I can distinguish those who are accused of being terrorists from terrorists, since the two are not necessarily the same.

At a time when the case of the Guildford Four is still under review, and the only evidence against them is "confessions" obtained (a) without a solicitor, (b) during long periods of deten-tion; and (e) whilst they still had the right of silence, it is unbelievable that a Government which pretends to believe in law and order wants to abolish the right of silence, withhold the right to see a solicitor in serious cases, and allow periods of detention which the European Court considered unreasonable.

It is impossible to have a serious belief in law and order if you do not also believe in justice. At this rate it may not be long before the making of an accusation will be the only evidence of guilt that is

Yours faithfully, T. G. STANTON, Wintle & Co (Solicitors). 44a High Street, Bognor Regis,

#### **Identity cards**

From Mr Hugh J. Greenhalf Sir, With reference to your report (December 15) concerning the possible introduction of identity cards, I wonder how many of your readers still possess their national registration identity cards issued during the Second World War.

I always carry mine in my wallet, as I have done for many years now. It bears the date May 24, 1940, and was signed by my mother as I was not quite four years old at the time. Yours faithfully, HUGH J. GREENHALF, 3 Terhill, Pittville Circus, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. December 17.

evidence that heterosexuals have heeded the Government's advice to reduce the numbers of partners or to use condoms. Wilful blindness can only make matters worse. Yours faithfully,

JOHN MARKS. Chairman of the Council. British Medical Association, BMA House, Tavistock Square, WC1. December 15.

From Dr G. Murray Jones Sir, Professor Adler (December 19) mentions some of the recent patients in his department, who must therefore have been aware of recent official governmental publicity via a charter on Aids. One must oot invite breach of confidentiality, but one has to wonder if such distressing cases

would be treated as a self-inflicted

Does not "the greatest threat to public health this century" constitute a state of emergency now?

December 19.

#### From Mr Gordon Field

avoided.

Yours sincerely

DIANA WARWICK,

Sir, If Mrs Owsianka (December 14) has difficulty in finding a daytime home for her car in the streets of Hammersmith, our local residents and members can only advise her to use public transport or use one of the public car parks, where she will have to pay.

For too long, our streets have been cluttered and obstructed and, as parking zones are extended, we, who happen to live in side streets, will no longer find that ambulances, fire engines, and other service vehicles cannot through.

We are lucky that, for some time past, the police have been removing vehicles that are illegally parked. Parking spaces, for which residents have to pay quite a high cost, are no longer stolen by commuters and yellow lines are now more respected.

Yours faithfully. GORDON FIELD, 34 Gratton Road, W14.

#### Benefit threat to hostel residents

From Mr Alfred Morris, MP for Manchester, Wythenshawe (Labour) Sir. The Department of Social

Security must be stopped from inflicting further hardship on thousands of disabled people, and among others, women and child-ren who have fled from violence and now live in hostels run by voluntary organisations such as Mencap, Mind and Women's Aid.

The Government's proposal, which has angered MPs of all parties, is to substitute income support and housing benefit for the board and lodging payments now made to the residents of these hostels.

If the proposal goes through, many residents will lose nearly £30 a week and no one between 16 and 60 will have enough money to pay the current hostel charge of £70 a week.

Those who run the hostels tell me that, in consequence, 1.750 of their hostels will close at a stroke and that most of the people who live in them will have nowhere to

Many will have to join the growing ranks of the pavement-poor whose living conditions on the streets of some of our major cities, as I know well as a trustee of Crisis at Christmas, so utterly disgrace contemporary Britain.

In addition to the human devastation the closures would cause, the Government's so called community care programme for people with special needs, which is already in tatters, will be further

exposed as a cruel sham. The propsal is bitterly con-demned by more than a score of Britain's most widely respected and best known voluntary organ-isations., It is self-defeating as well as inhumane, since ultimately most of its victims will find themselves in hospitals and other institutions, at far higher cost to the taxpayer than that of the board and lodging payments they now

receive. I call most urgently on the Secretary of State for Social Sec-urity to relieve the anxieties of thousands of the most needful people in Britain today by withdrawing this odious proposal forthwith.

Yours faithfully ALFRED MORRIS. House of Commons. December 20.

#### Mappa Mundi sale

From the Director of the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine
Sir, The reason for the "mapmindedness" of medieval Hereford (Professor Harvey, 1970s I tried many times, but persuade Hea leaders to this December 9) was that the town cootained a school of the kind that in two other English towns, Oxuniversities. The Seven Liberal Arts that were taught there in the early thirteenth century included a study of the celestial and earthly

Hereford's enterprising Bishop Richard calculated astronomical tables, and one of his more commercially minded canons -Roger of Hereford - was an astrologer. Hereford indeed, although oo the periphery of the Mappa Mundi, was a notable centre of studies oo the new Arabic "science" coming out of

Spain and Sicily. Alas, Hereford did not become a university, but its learning lives silently on in its manuscripts and its map. One of Roger's manuscripts - no doubt sold by the Dean and the canons to finance the digging of the cathedral's foundations - has slept quietly in Cambridge.

1 am therefore io a position. using Roger's own very precise rules for astrological prediction, to offer the national newspapers an infallible guide to the fate of the Mappa Mundi. The very large sum of money 1 expect io exchange will of course be donated to a fund to keep the mappa in Hereford.

ROGER FRENCH, Director, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Clare Hall

December 9.

#### Tucking in From Mrs Joan Lane

Sir, For an expression of true hospitality I do not think one could improve on that of a retired farmer friend of my childhood, who at Sunday tea, to which I was often invited, would say "Come on now, back yer cart np!" Yours faithfully, JOAN LANE. 11 Dome Hill Peak. Caterham, Surrey. December 5.

From Miss Susan Hill Sir, As we confront the Christmas lunch, my father, perpetuating his mother before him, always says: May these be the worst of our days. Yours faithfully, SUSAN HILL,

18 Grendon Close, Tile Hill Village, Coventry, West Midlands.

From Mr J. M. Moss Sir, Far from offering her guests the encouragement of a "bon appetit," the average English family hostess would herself seek encouragement with an anxious "I hope it's all right." l am, Sir, your obedient servant, MICHAEL MOSS,

29 Charwood, Leigham Court Road, SW16.

"Its beauty is beyond any comprehen-

sion, or beyond words to describe it. I

think it is important that Australia

should have access to great works of

Mr Bond said he waited 13 months to

announce his purchase until a heavily

secured personal gallery was built in the

dominates the central Perth district.

new Bond-owned Tower building, which

Irises is among a collection of Bondowned paintings which the entrepreneur plans to make available for public

Alan Bond is the mystery

buyer of Van Gogh's Irises

Bellini influence at Academy

Perth (AFP) - Mr Alan Bond, the Perth

businessman, said yesterday that he

was the mystery buyer of the Vincent

Van Gogh masterpiece, Irises.

The multi-millionaire confirmed he had paid more than Aus \$78 million (\$66.5 m) at a Sotheby's auction in New

York in November last year, which is

believed the highest on record for a

painting.
Mr Bond said the masterpiece was

well worth the money and disclosed that he had already turned down a number of offers for it. "It's not just a painting; it is

the most important painting in the world," he said.



# COURT AND SOCIAL

#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 22: The Princess of
Wales, Patron, the Wishing Well
Appeal for the Redevelopment
of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, visited the Hospital at Great Ormond Street,
London WC1.

Princess Margaret will attend a performance of The Nateracker given by the London Festival Ballet at the Festival Hall on Leaveset 12

The Princess of Wales will attend a gala performance of Romeo and Julies at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on January 17 in aid of CRUSAID and the Royal Opera

#### Polytechnic news

North East London
Honorary degrees have been conferred an Mrs Beverley Gull,
Paralympic gold medallist and a member of staff, Mr John Hollwey, former rector of the polytechnic; and Dr Edwin Kerr, former chief officer of the Council for National Academic Awards

# marriages

and Miss S.A. Dockray
The engagement is announced
between Mark, elder son of Mr
and Mrs J.E. Biles, of Church
Crookham, Hampshire, and
Sally Anne, only daughter of Mr
and Mrs K.N. Dockray,
Penquite Road, Launceston,
Tasmania, Australia.

Major S.J. Davies, RE
and Mrs R.A. Armitage
The engagement is announced
between Simon, younger son of
Mr and Mrs T.J. Davies, and
Rosemary, widow of Captain
J.P. Armitage, Royal Signals,
youngest daughter of Mr
Kenneth and the late Mrs M.J.
Boobver and stendaughter of Boobyer and stepdaughter of Mrs Barbara Boobyer.

Mr C. Inman and Miss E.M. Blyth The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Trevor Inman, of Althorpe, South Humberside, and Elspeih Maye, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Arthur Blyth, of Little Ann, Hampshire.

Dr R. Kirsop and Dr S.L. Thompson The engagement is announced between Rodney, second son of Mr and Mrs Walter Kirsop, of

Louise, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith M. Thompson, of Luton, Bedfordshire.

Mr J.M.T. Leefield and Miss C.D.B. Bennett The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of the Revd Michael and Mrs Leefield, of Brays Court, Awre, Newnham, Gloucestershire, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Bennett, of The Vine House, Broughton, Stockbridge, Hampshire.

Mr F.E.J. Mather and Miss J.S. Littleton

The cagagement is announced between Francis, son of Mr Colin Mather, of North Wales, and Mrs Diana Mather, of London, and Jacqueline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan

Mr I. Moore and Miss A. Wynne-Jones The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mrs Peggy Moore, of Banstead, Surrey, and the late Mr John Moore, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mrs. Barbara Wynne-Jones, of Mandali, Copthorne, West Sus-sex, and the late Dr Philip

Mr C.J. Parkinson

Mr CJ. Parkinson
and Miss K.H. Marks
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, son of Mr
and Mrs John Parkinson, of
Countess Weir, Exeter, Devon,
and Katherine, eldest daughter
of Mr and Mrs Clive Marks, of
Lordon NW? SCIENCE REPORT

have been extinct for 80

Researchers continue to be

inscinated by the six-foot steel

blue fish because of its status

as a living fossil - an animal

alive today whose archaic features tell of animals of the

distant past. It looks like the

fish that many researchers

believe were ancestral to all

land vertebrates, including

But little is known about the

habits of the living coelacanth.

The fish are known only from

deep, submarine slopes off the

Comoro Islands, a remote

archipelago in the Indian

Ocean between Madagascar

and East Africa. Their natural

habitat is so inaccessible that

living coelecanths have only

recently been filmed. Uatil

three years ago, all knowledge

of the fish came from the

know a good deal about the

anatomy of the coelacanth but

very little about how it lives,

eats and reproduces, though it

is known that the many coel-

As a result, researchers now

catches of local fishermen.

million years.

### **Marriages**

The Han Nigel Turner and Mrs J.A. Goodwin
The marriage took place quietly in London on December 22, between Mr Nigel Turner, youngest son of Margaret Lady Netherthorpe and the late Lord Netherthorpe, of Anston, and Mrs Jennifer (Annie) Goodwin, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs David Armstrong.

Mr R. Herbert and Mrs P. Hooper The marriage took place on December 22, in London of Mr Robin Herbert and Mrs Phi-

lippa Hooper.

Mr C.W. Traylen and Miss C. King The marriage took place on December 7, at Guildford Reg-ister Office, of Mr Charles W. Traylen to Miss Caroline King, only daughter of Commander King, RN, and nf Mrs King, of Home Farm, Hempnall Green,

Knighthood

for judge The Queen has approved that a knighthood be conferred on Mr Justice Jowitt on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice.

# **Forthcoming**

Mr G.F. Pritchard
and Miss A.B.E. Kinney
The engagement is announced
between Gregory, younger son
of Mr and Mrs W. Pritchard, of
Warlbeck, likley, West Yorkshire, and Alexandra, eldest
daughter of Mr and Mrs F.P.
Kinney, of Louisville, Dundalk,
Ireland. Mr M.R. Biles and Miss S.A. Dockray

Mr R.S. Robson
and Miss J.P.A. Badham
The engagement is announced between Richard Studdy, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Robson, of Sidmouth, Devon, and Judith, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Patrick Badham, of Chittlehammton, Devon. Chittlehampton, Devon.

Mr J.P.H. Speke and Miss J.E. Taylor

and Miss J.E. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P.G.H. Speke, of Rowlands, Hminster, Somerset, and lacqueline, only daughter of Dr and Mrs E.F. Taylor, of Westlea, Dummer, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between Richard, twin son of the late Rev and Mrs W. Dodgson Sykes, Bristol, and Carole, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.G. Lidstone, Dawlish, Devon, and widow of Dr J.R. Newman Paulton, Bristol.

and Miss C. Nicholson

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Captain and Mrs Charles Toller, of Little Rissington, Gloucester shire, and Caroline, elder daugh ter of the late Mr Arthur Nicholson and of Mrs Arthur Nicholson, of Malta.

Dinner

Guilds of London Institute, Mr D. Garfield-Davies, General

Screetary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Work-ers, Dr Marjorie Ridley of the British Medical Association,

Mrs Janet Lingard, HMI, Mr Vernon Winch and Miss Della Conroy, of the Department of Trade and Industry, together with leading officials of the hairdressing industry

organizations.

Also present were the Registrar of Council, Mr John

Byrne, together with several Hairdressing Councillors and

luncheon in the Pall Mall Room

at the Royal Automobile Club, on December 21, 1988. Dr M.W. Brown presided.

cold ocean depths, it is far from being an anatomical half-

way-house between water and land. It even resembles sharks

in some details of its physiol-

ogy, leading some researchers

to propose a relationship that

land ancestors.

land vertebrates.

tauces coelacanths from

Most researchers take a

different view, placing the

coelacanths among a large group of primitive fish that

includes langfish as well as

many fossil forms, one of

whom might be the ancestor of

The debate over the

relationships of the fish cen-

tres on technical details of anatomy (see Wednesday's Science Report); its existence

today as a living animal is

But the work of a recently

founded research-based group

called the Coelacanth

Conservation Council should

promote the study of this

intriguing fish in its natural

suroundings and ensure that it

reaches its centenary without

Henry Gee

becoming extinct.

Luncheon

The Milliners

Mr N.D. Walton and Miss F.E.L. Rush

and Miss F.E.L. Rust
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Walton, of Torquay, Devon, and Fiona, naly daughter of Mr M.E.J. Rush, of Swansea, West Glamorgan, and Mrs S.E. Rush, of Staw-on-the-Wold, Glouesterships

and Miss S.J.L. Denny
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Guy Wickman, of Reigate, Surrey, and Honey, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry

Denny of Alyerstake Denny, of Alverstoke,

Mr S.M.G. Williams and Miss A-M.L. Kauffmann

Today marks the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the coelacanth, the only living member of a family of fish thought until this century to have been expected for \$20.

The engagement is announced between Sean Mountiord Graham, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Tony Williams, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, and Anne-Marie Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Claude Kauffmann, of Wonerth Surrey. of Wonersh, Surrey.

Coelacanth's golden jubilee

depths of the oceans favoured by the form alive today. The lack of information about how

Celebrating the golden ja-

bilee in the current issue of

Nature, Peter Forey, of the

Natural History Museum in

London, embarks on a 400-

million-year retrospective,

tracing the history of the

coelacanth and its relatives

very much the same; a couser

vatism that still defies

explanation, although it enabled the quick identification

of the first coelecanth to be

caught in 1938. Superficially,

the modern coelacanth, Lati-

meria chalumnae, looks al-

most exactly the same as its

relative Macropoma which

died out over 70 million years

ago. The discovery caused an

immediate stir; many

researchers heralded the coel-

acanth as a "missing link" in

Unfortunately, the coel-acanth has not quite lived up to

researchers' expectations:

with its many unique features

evolution.

The fish have always looked

from the Devonian period.

# Mario Bellini (right), the Italian architect and designer, inspecting the transformation of the Victorian rooms of the Royal Academy of Arts in London into Italianate galleries in readiness for the new exhibition, Italian Art in the Twentieth Century, which opens on January 14. He is accompanied by Norman Rosentbal, the exhibition organizer.

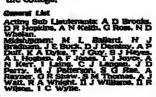
Kliner Brown. Mr Justice and Lady Wood, Sir Stanley Rees, Lady Harner. Lady Mars Jones, Lady Wilson, Lady Wagner, Mr Justice McCullongs, Mr Justice Kenneth Jones, Sir Patrick Medit, Oc., Mr Justice Vincint St. Medit, Oc., Mr Justice Co., Mr Justice Walte, Mr Justice Coller, Lady Howard, Mr Justice Brooke.

**Memorial service** The Hairdressing Council Mr Mark Segar, Chairman, was host at a dinner given by the Hairdressing Council, the industry statutory authority, in the House of Commons on Tuesday, December 20. Sir John Willis
The Lord Chief Justice and
Lady Lane attended a service of
thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Ramsay Willis held on Wednesday in the Chapel of The guests included Mr Richard Alexander, MP, Mr John Hunt, MP, Mr John Barnes, Director General of the City & Gray's Inn. Canon Eric James



# Dartmouth parade

Admiral Sir John Webster, Flag Officer Plymouth, took the sa-lute at a Passing-Out Parade held at the Britannia Royal Naval College nn December 15 when the following nfficers under training passed out from the college.



City List Middhigmen: N A Anderson, A J Bell, M J Cocker, M A Cocker, D S Dickens, J C Dokken, J A Drummond, T A Green, N J Greens, S M Lowe, L E Mancheld, D Mickeleidt, G C Millar, H A Monteymerke, J D Morkey, M F Nicholson, D Michell, J S O'Fas, Michell, J A Clark, Web, J A Clark.

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Midshipmen: N Brian, S Elliqui, S Ford, R M Forester-Bennett, N Gibbons, I Henshaw, T M Julian, C Langrish, D C Longbotton, A Manister, P J Mercer, L A Morgan Pipsam, T P Saunders, R Skidmore, D W Thomas.

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probationary Third Officers: Barwick, C.E. Easton, J.M. Gorringe, E. Greig, C. A. Hacking, A.D. Hall, E. Hm. L.D. Lewis, M.W. Smith, K. Sutchille, K. L. Wheeler,

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M M Al-Kalsus, M A Chowdhuri, L
Howard, A Y Juma, S D Mengaray
J Moore, M N Mukizdir, A

#### Birthdays today Mr Michele Alboreto, racing

driver, 32; Lord Bancroft, 66; Mrs C. Bicknell, former chairman, Victoria Health Authority, 69; Sir Norman Biggs, banker, 81; Lord Blake, 72; Vice-Ad-miral Sir Stephen Carlill, 86. Professor Sir Theo Crawford, pathologist, 77; Mr Maurice Denham, actor, 79; Sir Colin Fielding, civil servan; 62; Mr Fielding civil servant, 62; Mr Yousuf Karsh, photographer, 80; Mr Graham Kelly, chief cutive, Football Association. 43; Mr Christopher Lawrence, silversmith, 52; Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Macnab, 89; Miss J.M. Quennell, former MP, 65; Mr Ashley Raeburn, former chairman Rosental Machanian man, Boosey and Hawkes, 70; Herr Helmut Schmidt, former chancellor, Federal Republic of Germany, 70; Mr Christopher Turner, headmaster, Stowe School, 59; Mr R.S. Unwin, publisher, 63; the Marquess of Winchester 4?



Sir Jeremy Morse.

Sir Jeremy Morse, Chairman of Lloyds Bank, has been elected Chancellor of Bristol University, in succession to Professor Dorothy Hodgkin, OM, who has

#### **OBITUARIES**

### BERNT CARLSSON

### Swedish troubleshooter with UN in Namibia

Bernt Carlsson, the United Africa During the course of Carlsson identified his body Nations Commisssioner for Namibia and a former close aide of the assassinated Swedish Prime Minister, Olaf Palme, was among those killed in Wednesday's Lockerbie air disaster. He was

In many ways, Carisson was the epitome of a breed of quiet, unflappable Swedish diplomats, who together have gradually assumed a role on the world political scene, striving to help overcome the barriers and tensions due to the Big Powers' confrontation. In his skill and determination he also had something of his famous fellow countryman Dag Hammarskjold, the one-time UN Secretary-General.

Carlsson was returning to New York for yesterday's signing of the accords between Sonth Africa, Cuba and Angola which foresee the with-drawal of Cuban troops and the independence of Namibia.

He had been in the southwest African country since July 1987, typically building up wide-ranging contacts. He would have returned there and possibly stayed until after the holding of the first free

Between 1983 and 1985 Carlsson served as a troubleshooting ambassador at large meetings with Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader. While Palme's influence

was high in the Socialist International Carlsson served as its general secretary. Carlsson was the son of a building worker and a nurse; he grew up in Traneberg, a Stockholm working class suburb. He took a degree at Stockholm University and, after joining the Swedish So-cial Democratic Party, be-

came a close friend of Palme. While he agreed with Palme's political views Carlsson lacked the murdered premier's charisma and was content to work in his shadow, serving as the party's international secretary from 1970 to 1976.

Carlsson was among the first of Sweden's career diplomats openly to show sym-pathy with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, maintaining long before such views were accepted in the Socialist establishment in Stockholm that it was destined, one day, to head an independent state of Palestine.

One of those who became a close friend was Dr Issam Sartawi, the moderate PLO leader who started contacts with the Israeli peace movement and who was assas-

these trips he had several for the bewildered Portuguese police.

During his time as general secretary of the Socialist International Carlsson sought, at the instigation of Palme and Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, to broaden the organization's scope and, instead of limiting itself to Europe, to recruit as members like-minded forces in Latin America and Africa and generally to serve & a bridge to the Third World. Inspite of being a down-to-

earth and intensely discreet person Carlsson's life had not been without its dangers, in 1980, while visiting Nica-ragua, a bomb was found aboard the aircraft on which he should have flown. He had changed his mind at the last

minute.
In 1985 Carlsson was appointed Under-Secretary of State with responsibility for Nordic Affairs at the Foreign Ministry in Stockholm, a job for which he obviously had less than total enthusiasm.

But it was with satisfaction that he accepted last year to become the UN Commissioner for Namibia, in theory the world body's governor for the territory, though, as South Africa did not recognise its authority there, in practice he was chief administrative ofand as special emissary for sinated at a Socialist ficer and head of UN dev-Olaf Palme on missions to the International congress held in elopment programmes in Middle East as well as to southern Portugal in 1983. Namibia.

#### PROFESSOR JULIAN BLOOM

Pioneer work in the treatment of cancer

Professor Julian Bloom, one of the world's leading cancer physicians, died on December 21 aged 65 after a long illness. He was a consultant radio tberapist at the Royal Marsden Hospital between 1958 and 1987 entering the speciality when high energy linear accelerators were becoming available to treat patients and he pioneered high precision techniques of current radio therapy practice,

He qualified in medicine in 1947 having studied at the University of London, His early clinical training was at the Middlesex Hospital partly with Sir Brian Windeyer and in 1952 he returned there to begin radio therapy training.

His early research work was on the natural history of breast cancer and he published a classification of the degree of malignancy of breast cancer (with W. W. Richardson) which is still in use today.

major groups of malignant disease, brain tumours and neurological tumours (cancers of the kidney, prostrate and bladder).

He established a specialized neuro oncology unit at the Royal Marsden Hospital which was a focal point of specialized referral from neuro surgeons at the National Hospital for Nervous Discases, Queen Square, Atkinson Morley's Hospital and the Hospital for Siek Children, Great Ormond Street. This created a unique experience of the broad range of rare but devastating brain

His preeminent position as



ference held in London in September this year entirely in honour of his career.

In 1972 he became chairman of the brain tumour study group of the Inter-national Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP).

The unit that he founded at the Royal Marsden Hospital was broadly based and included specialists in endoerinology, psychology, medicine, rehabilitation and paediatrics. In a series of articles in the

1960s he reported that advanced cancers of the kidney were sometimes responsive to hormonal treatments es-

of the first approaches to treatment of patients with advanced disease. He was also an authority on radio therapy of bladder can-cer, particularly investigating

the combination of radio therapy with either surgery or with chemotherapy as a means of improving cure rates.

His clinical work was characterised by a painstaking

attention to detail and by the thoroughness and humanity of his clinical care. He was an enormously popular teacher and his ideas live on in his many students and post graduate trainees. He leaves his widow, Bar-

bara, two daughters and a son.

#### MAJOR DARE NEWELL The 'Godfather' of the SAS

where he trained anti-Japa-

After the war Newell was

Major Dare Newell, an officer with partisans, and later he devoted to the Special Air was dropped into Malaya devoted to the Special Air Service Regiment who was an important influence in anticipating and establishing its post-war role and activities, has died at the age of 72.

Even after his retirement from the Army in 1973 he in Germany. He returned to continued to serve as Regimore conventional Army dumental Adjutant and secretary of the SAS Regimental Associ-ation, and the benefit of his advice and experience was constantly sought and accepted by senior officers.

Charles Lawrence Dare Newell was born in 1916. He was educated at lpswich School and became a forester with the Commission. the Forestry He enlisted in the Army at

the outbreak of war in 1939 and was commissioned in the Royal Armoured Corps, but seeking a more adventurous time he transferred to the Special Operations Executive with which he served in the Middle East,

In 1944 he was parachnted into Albania where he worked

remains found underneath

Cannon Street station was

explanatory video is being shown during morning and

It tells commuters that a

evening rush hours.

stations.

with a unit in Siam (Thailand) investigating war crimes and later worked on special duties ties in 1950 and was posted to Malaya as a staff captain with

nese guerilla leaders.

the Suffolk Regiment. But a desk job was not exciting enough for Newell: he successfully persuaded his superiors to make use of his invaluable wartime know-ledge of guerilla leaders and he commanded an SAS squadron in the post-war Malayan emer-

gency, during which he was mentioned in despatches. Thereafter Newell's career was entirely devoted to the SAS Regiment. As its selection and training officer within the Ministry of Defence he played an influential and pioneering

part in setting high post-war standards for the regiment and seeing that they were

His advice and guidance was often sought and was of great benefit in resisting attempts to disband the regiment or change the nature of its role, just as his knowledge of clandestine activities was invaluable in foreseeing and establishing the regiment's role and preparedness in tackling various forms of terrorism. He was affectionately known throughout the regi-ment as "Mr SAS" and when-

ever advice was wanted the instruction was "Go and ask Dare". It was said of him that although David Stirling was the father of the regiment, Dare Newell was the His help and guidance were

still on hand at the regiment's headquarters after his retirement when he continued his close association with it through its regimental association.

wife, Hazel, and two sons and a daughter of his first mar-

#### The Roman quay now lying beneath City commuters on platform one

**By Emma Wilkins** 

underneath Guildhall; the basilica, which was the Robrought the history of Roman man administrative centre. is London alive for commuters under Leadenhall market and the governor's palace probably lies near Cannon Street

neath one of the station platforms, indicates that the Walhrook was a much larger, more important river than bad been thought.

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Roman amphitheatre lies A partnership between Museum of London archaeologists and City developers has at one of London's railway An exhibition of the Roman Station.

Archeologists, who are working in partnership with opened this week to show Speyhawk, the developers, businessmen the ancient and British Rail, uncovered buildings which lie beneath the remains of the Roman their office blocks. An quay last month it ran along pert of the river Walbrook before meeting the Thames. The position of the oak timbers, which are directly under- out"

The excavation has so far

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has been paid by the developers, who are keen to help to record the remains. Mr John Finlay, a director, said: "If the archaeologists find something wonderful just before they are due to leave the site at the end of next month, then, of course, we would not just boot them

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

BREWSTER - On December 20th 1998, to Susse and Richard, a daughter, Rachel Etizabeth, a sister to Edward, William and Emity.

BREMAN - On December 16th, 1968 to Stephanie (née Shaw) and Christopher, a son, Michael Sebastian Christopher. A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR Christopher, a son.

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CRITCHLEY - On November 17th, to Alson (refe Camerao) and David a son. Thomas Hugh Leonard.

DAVIES - On December 21st, in Carotine (refe Higgin) and Martin, a daughter, a haif-asiser for Rupert.

CARTISHORE - On December 20th 1968 to Kaite (refe Thomas) and lain, a son. Robert Smart, at Marida Hospital, Hosp Kong, a brother for Charlotte.

MOUGHTON - On December 18th to

Hospital, Hong Kong, a
Charlotte.

HOUGHTON - On December 15th to
Victy (nee Bryant) and Ben a daugh
ter Katharine Emma (Katie) a sister
for Timothy and Jongitan.

Kalpunt - On December 12th 1988.

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Anne (née Dear) man daughter, Kith.

MEZCHAM On December 20th at St.
Luke's, Guildford to Marion (née Thomas) and Paul, a daughter.

Danielle Heather,

On Wednesday December 20th at St.
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Potentit On Wednesday December
21st at Queen Mary's, Roetsampton,
to Miranda and Nicholas a son
Prederick William. a brother for
Clare.

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RICE - On December 21st to Tema (née Mountford) and James a daropher. Madeleine Sophie.

ROWAN - On December 15th 1988 to Michele (née Murphy) and Andrew.

a son Andrew Patrick. a son Andrew Pegraca.

STIVEN On December 19th 1988, at Vincenz Krankenhaus, West Germany, to Councily, a brother for Rowman.

THORLEY - On December 22nd 1988, at Addentrooties begins, in Jense (nee Cockcroft) and Simon, a distorter, Francesca Joan, a sister for Matthew and Nicholes.

DESONMUME 4 On December 23rd, 1938, et St. Mary's, Cadogan Street, Cheisea, Peter, Lieut © Royal Navy, to Phyllis, Now at Pangmere, Hampslead Northys, Newbury, Berks, RG16 OTR. GOLDEN WARY Le Bone, 1938 at Mary Le Bone, 1938 at Mary A West.

GOLLIN On December 23rd 1938 at Mary Achone, Geoffrey J. Goldin and E. Mary A. West.

ACTOM - On December 20th 1988, after a short, acute litness, Edward Politili, Much loved husband of Helen, tather of John and Williams, Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium on Friday 30th December at 246 p.m. No flowers please, but donations if desired in little Multiple Sciences Society Diense, but donations is desired in the Multiple Scierosis Society

ALLEN On December 21st 1968, et Solfmuil Hospital. Solfmuil Robert, father of Robert Hold Allen, Robert, father of Robert Hold Allen, Robert, have of Diens and grandfather to Jonatham, Robin and Amanda.

BASKANKAN On December 16th, peacefully in hospital, Elicen, wife of the late Six Vaint Bairannian, mother of Robert and grandmother to Rupert and Justin. Funeral Sediscombe Church on Wednesday 28th December at 11 a.m. Flowers Cary of Clarstonic, St. Jeonards on Seas. er ereskant

BELTYCH - On December 19th, at Ryc after a short filmess. Nicholas Alexander, beloved husband of Jacqueline (nee Bennett) and pather of Peter. Funeral on Friday, January 6th 1969, 12.00 noon at St. Michaela. (I, Playden, Ryc. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research.

2,000 years ago in the jungles of Central America, have

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OAVIS - On December 22nd at St John and St. Elizabah Hospital, very peacefully. Pence widow of Affred Davis and dearly loved mother of Jimenty. Anne Lewis and Michael Funeral 11.15 am 23rd December at Willesden Jewish Censelsry. Memorial sevice 6.30 nm. 10th January at the West London Synagogue.

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MARGLE - On December 12th in Connecticut. Thomas Rockwell, aged 60.

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PRYOR On December 21st suddenly in Norwich Jack Sydney. F.R.C.P. Consultant Physician. Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Aged 55 years, of Cringleford, Norwich Much loved husband of Bridget, loved father of Robert, a dear brother, brother-haw and uncle, also greatly loved son-in-law. Will be loved and remembered always. The Finneral service will be for immediate family only please. A Thankagiving service will be amnounced at a later dale. However, dozenious may be made, if desired, for Norfolk and Norwich Renal Unit Fund, Care of Cordon Barber Paneral Director. 317, Aprick S. R. Norwich, NRS 2AB.

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SWIRE - On December 21st, Flora much loved eldest daughter of Herbert and Jane and sister of Cathy and William, died in the air crush. and William, died in the air crash.
TRUMPER On Decomber 21st, peacefully at home. Muriel Carmagle, adored wite of Richard and much loved mother of Peter and Joan (Blake). Private cremation. No flowers. Donations if desired to Missions to Seaman. St. Michael Palernoster, Royal College Hill. London EC4R 27tl..

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TURNER: On December 21st 1988 in
hospital. at Eastbourne, Sussex,
Joan. Funeral service at Eastbourne
Crematorium on Friday 30th
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WALKER: On December 20th pages.

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WALKER · On December 20th peace-felly in hospital. Rosabel aged 93, widow of Dr William Wood Walker of Lee. beloved mother of Elizabeth and grammother of Andrew. David and Michael. Funeral service at Christ Church. Kippingson Road, Sevenoaks on December 30th at 10.15am followed by cremation at Honor Oak Crematorham, Brockley Way, London SE23. Flowers and enquiries to Francia Chappell and Sons, 27. London Road. Sevenoaks. Telephone 0752 450203.

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settlement covers a limestone ridge rising from the Hondo river eastwards to end in the euphoniously-named Pulltrouser Swamp; both areas of wetlands are laced with canals and drained fields', relics of prehistoric intensive agriculture. On the crest of the ridge lies the heart of the city, two acres), had been bordered by

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By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent graphic Society, have been concentrated in the eastern group where the "noh mul" overshadows a great plaza bordered by temples.

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lar circumstance. The first trenches showed, however, that the plaza area had been laid out in the Preclassic period, probably towards its end around AD 200. When the big 'acropolis' at the northern end of the plaza, the largest building in northern Belize, was excavated it, too, was found to be of the same early date, constructed in a single massive work representation by several hundred to the plaza, the largest building in northern 1973 in the ninth continuous of the plaza, the largest building in the ninth continuous famous, and coeval, site of Chichen Itzá. Together with similar evidence uncovered by an earlier British Museum team in 1973 in the subtract of Nohmul, it suggested a southward movement of people, or at the least of powerful ideas, in the ninth continuous co Chichen Itzá. Together with team in 1973 in the suburas of

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**TELEVISION** 

# Change of diet

Like over-worked doctors, Christmas cooks and television schedulers have long relied on repeat prescriptions. The new(ish) Oxo lady has frequently tried to con-vince us that crumbling that famous dark brown substance fresh from its silver paper is the way to make repeats of Christmas turkey go down a treat. Even dark brown substances would not, however, enable us to stomach the reappearance of certain Christmas elevision turkeys.

Last night, however, there were two welcome television reappearances. The genuis of Alan Ayckhourn is that he can repeatediy cook up the cliches of bourgeois life in such a delicious way. The maggingly hilarious Sea-son's Greetings (BBC2) was an appropriate re-run since it showed once more how the repetitions of Christmas engender again and

Open Space (BBC2) with Licence to Kill gave us not an old programme but another replay of a moral theme which is heard more often than any Christian message at this time of year - don't drink and drive. It was told this time simply and with great emotional power by relations of the victims of

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**Andrew Hislop** 

Having recognized that music is a business, Aswad have at last won the recognition they deserve, David Sinclair writes

# The genial face of reggae

Aswad finally made good in a single bound, the reggae trio from a cult following and 13 years of hard work into No. 1 hit status with the breezy lovers' rock singalong "Don't Turn Around". They became pop stars, seemingly overnight, and suddenly these front-line roots musicians, whose personal image-building did not even run to putting their faces on most of their own album covers, were to be seen cheerfully answer-ing the guest telephones nn Saturday morning children's television.

"It was a bit difficult to do that," says the tall, soft-spoken drummer and singer of "Don't Turn Around", Drummie Zeb. "Really, you just have to be yourself, and take it in the lighthearted way it is and to try and come across to the kids. A int of people have got the image of Rastas as fearsome, frighten-ing... Doo't let your kids see them. A lnt of times in the past when we've done interviews, the reporters used to come to the interview shaking, oot knowing what to expect, visibly nervous."

In fact, British resear music could not hope for a more outgoing and pleasantly gregari-ous spokesman than Zeb. But initial resistance to the group was partly endemic, as his genial, but less talkative, colleague, the bassist Tony Gad, elaborates: "Half of the problem we've had since we started is in just getting to the point where there is a general acceptance of reggae so that you are able to go into a record shop and buy reggae music."

Zeb continues: "It was never a conscious decision to keep our faces off the album sleeves. It was just that the music was the most important thing and we saw ourselves as musicians, oot as pop stars. We now see nurselves as



Despite star status, Gad, left, and Zeb see themselves as "musicians who are being appreciated, at last"

same houses as when they started

the band. Their parents are from

Grenada, Jamaica and Guyana

you're being picked up for being on the street. Suspicion of looking

awful, or whatever. We have

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There comes a point where you realize that playing music isn't nnly about enjoyment or for giving the message; it's also a business. If you're not part of the business, you have no chance of surviving in the music business, which is what we've had to realize. Most reggae groups have been slow to recognize this."

Aswad, originally a five-piece band, assembled in 1975. They walked in to the offices of Island records in 1976 with their demo tape and were promptly awarded a recording contract. Since then the band has twice left Island in search of greener grass, but returned each

Now in their late twenties, Zeb, Gad and the guitarist Brinsley Forde (whn was aboard a plane

travelling from Los Angeles when this interview was taking place in the rooftop suite of a London hotel) were all born and brought up in the Ladbroke Grove area of West London, where they con-tinue to live, in practically the

"Living and growing up as a kid in an area like Ladbroke Grove is a struggle," Zeb recalls. "The police don't give you an easy time. There aren't many places to go and, any places there are to go, the police beam all their efforts on to that place, until it closes down and then you're oo the street. Then

Had there been any change since they were kids — any improvement? "As you get older you learn how to talk in the police, how to handle

them. You grow in deal with it. If you get stopped by the police and you start ahusing them straight away and he starts abusing you straight away, then there's no way it's going to end peacefully. But for the young kids today, it's just the same as when we were young, probably worse." o the late Seventies, many

reggae groups became un-likely collaborators in the punk revolution, particularly as part of the flourishing Rock Against Racism movement. Punk was supposed to be militant and so was reggae," says Gad. "But punks were into break-

wanted to build on something that was good." Zeb adds: "Musically reggae

ing everything down, which we weren't so interested in. We

and punk were totally different. Punk was barsh; it didn't have any harmony. Reggae music has a lot of harmony and a lot of rhythm. So there was a tension. We did the Chelmsford punk festival and as soon as we came on stage they started to throw toilet rolls and tomato ketchup bottles, which we didn't like at all. The organizer said 'They love you. That's how they show their appreciation'. But frankly, that wasn't the kind of appreciation we were looking for."

They continued with little commercial encouragement during the Seventies and early Eighties, bundling themselves into transit vans and coping with relentless itineraries on the club and college circuit. Both Zeb and Gad have a strong streak nf spiritualism, and declare that it is their Rastafarian faith that has given them the strength to cope over the years. They continue to travel, but now it is in the comfort a bigger bus.

In the wake of "Don't Turn Around", Aswad has released a "best nf" collection which is a musical summary of the band's career from the first single, "Back Tn Africa" (1976), to the present. Rubbing shoulders with the light, elegant harmonies of songs like Need Your Love" and "Give A Little Love" are numbers with a more intense spiritual and pol-itical dimension. "Rainbow Culture" is a homage to the Rastafarian faith and "Set Them Free" is one of many songs that address the turmoil in South

Zeb is convinced that music can and should be used as an in-strument of social change. The reprieve of the Sharpeville Six was taken as mildly heartening news. "But they're still in prison.

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They're still in chains. They restill being locked up. Hopefully, to persistent artists knocking on the door, those gates will be sweat open. They need our support

Aswad made a rather rashe appearance at the Nelson Mandel concert with Sly and Robbie's band, and Zeb goes into an almost. worshipful reverie at mention of

"Nelson Mandela is free in spirit, in terms of what he stands for, he's free. They have to set him free, physically. Botha cannot afford to let him die in a South African jail. But spiritually he is already free."

erhaps it is Aswad's greatest strength that while retaining its musical and political credibil-ity, the band has not shied away from engaging the popular end of the market. It is Zeb's boast that they are the only British group to have worked with three original Wailers - with Bunny Wailer nn Jamaican television, with Bob Marley on "Punky Reggae Party" and with Peter Tosh nn "Inhnny B Goode", In the past year they have re-corded music for the soundtrack of the movie The Hunchback in Prince's Paisley Park studio and subsequently met the little fellow himself.

But it is oo less a source of pride that they were recently asked to produce a track for Cliff Richard. "It might sound a strange combination, but it wasn't strange at all. It was easy, and he was really cornfortable to get on with Working with Cliff Richard was a great honour for us."

 Aswad will play on Thursday, December 29, and Friday, Decemher 30, at Hammersmuh Odeon. London 13'6 (01-748 4081). The compilation album. Renaissance, is available on Stylus Music (SMR

# Return of a winner

THEATRE

The Wizard of Oz **Barbican** 

A big hit at the Barbican last Christmas, Ian Judge's production returns, substantially recast, and radiating the confidence of proven

Seeing the show for the first time, I am most struck by the completeness of its adaptation into theatrical terms. Retaining Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg's music and lyrics, John Kane has reorganized the material as though it had first been written for the stage. In place of a celluloid fantasy world, all the effects are rooted in the traditional stage mechanics of traps, red fire, and wire flying. And, given the moral of Frank Baum's story - that the land of heart's desire lies in your own back yard - it makes more sense in see Dorothy clearly staying in the same place than taking nff over the rainbow on a Kansas dust storm.

Kansas and Oz are contained in the same black platform enclosed within the same cyclorama. The visual thrill is to see the fantastic transformations that can be achieved within those fixed limits: as where the dull grey farm gives way to the unveiling of brilliant blue skies and the yellow brick road: and the adventures that lie along it, even though it is a circular treadmill leading no-

The adventures themselves

The Zoo of Tranquillity Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

The first time I saw Sylvester McCoy, back in the 1970s, a live ferret was dropped into his tronsers and a stop-watch ticked off the number of seconds he was prepared to let it roam around there. Clearly the man who will risk so much to entertain a crowd is game for anything; he will even

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Far from home: Dorothy (Gillian Bevan) realizes that this is not Kansas

have been rethnught as musical theatre numbers so that each friend Dorothy meets nn the road has his nwn backing chorus three sharply-dressed crows for the Scarecrnw, a trin of Runyonesque apple trees (who could be taking a vacation from Miss Adelaide's Hot Spot) for the Tin Man. With the exceptino of the witch's flying monkeys and Dorothy's scene-hogging mangrel, there is not a fairy tale animal in

This undountedly gives the show a more adult edge than the movie: an effect reinforced by a good deal of the dialogue, particu-larly for Billie Brown, whose red-hot witch is no cackling harridan on a broomstick, but a Mae Westlike ogress with a black monocle. given to near-camp lines like "Shall I dn something witty and creative?" However, she finally liquefies very satisfactorily.

play Dr Who; but not all his dition can make Mark Ross's illustrated lecture on automata

into an entertainment. The young children forming a large proportion of the audience were at first thrilled to see their Time Lord larking about on a swaying ladder and zooming swaying insucer and 200ming across the stage in a chair. After a pair of blushing late-comers had taken their places, he recapitulated for their benefit the opening 10 minutes compressed into 50 seconds, giving his movements the

Irving Wardle Gillian Bevan is a rather mature batty jerkiness of a fast-forward

tasy with sardonic wit.

Dorothy, low on charm, but

vocally spot on. The undoubted

star is Trevor Peacock's Cowardly

Lion, who gets over his own rainbow in "If I Were King" while

the others hand him gift-wrapped

regalia. Paul Greenwood's rubber-

limbed Scarecrow and Simon

Green's dustbin-shouldered Tin-

man adapt the exuberant chorcog-

raphy (by Lindsay Dolan) to their

own special range of movement.

Sebastian Shaw makes a lovely

return as the Great Oz (alias

Professor Marvel), though even booming his sepulchral threats

through the Oz public address

system, it is always obvious that

his heart is in the right place. Mark

Thumsoo's designs, from the art deco domes of the Emerald City to

the jumbled high fashion of its inhabitants, combine juvenile fan-

All too soon the lecture starts, in which McCoy outlines the history of mechanical sculpture with the help of Richard Cuming in the role of a mechanical lecturer. A mechanical doll simultaneously stirring a cup of tex and swotting a fly is held aloft, and similar toys

This is mildly diverting stuff for a moment or two and the children were mildly diverted. What neither they nor the grown-ups wanted to hear were the Latin names of the muscles required to stir a cup of tea, nor diagrams of the contest between Theseus and Talos (who he?) with no details mentioned. A demonstration of the forces operating in the Forth Rail Bridge, using two men for the piers and a child as the span, left no one wiser; likewise the second and third laws of leverage done with planks.

Why show an automaton (acted by a man) outwitting its controller when the lecture argues that, on the contrary, constructions of wood, wire and ratchets counterfeit human movements, not buman will? Why have a man act an

automaton anyway? The constructions are by Paul Spooner and may well be amusing at his museum in Covent Garden on the stage they are boring.

Jeremy Kingston

the figure." ton in a eulogy of the sculptor John Gibson, whose work is a centrepiece of the permanent new sculpture display at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, which the

The classical figure is making a

quiet comeback. Simon Tait writes

Arts Minister opened this month. Gibson, who died in 1866, was one of our leading figure sculptors; his work was admired and celebrated throughout the century, not least by Queen Victoria, Liverpool was his home town, though he lived and worked in Rome for most of his life, but the Walker's £200,000 investment in creating a gallery for its great collection of natural sculpture, half of which has not been seen for 50 years, is a

The gamble is that public enthusiasm for sculpture has diverted from abstract to classic figures, according to the gallery's keeper, Edward Murris, and even more that there are artists around now capable of answering the coming public demand. "Figure sculpture has been unfashinnable for a long time, but I think taste has switched lately," he says.

Representative sculpture, and the disciplines such as drawing that go with it, is almost a dead art - nr had become so up to two or three years ago.

"It did become scarce," says nne of the leading modern sculptors, Dame Elisabeth Frink. "It wasn't the lack of models — there were plenty of them available if the art schools wanted them. It was a different coocept of how art schools should be: abstract art was

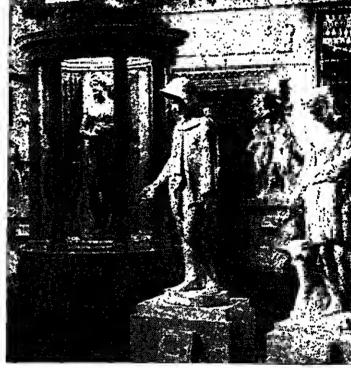
more important than figurative and long undetected principles of Grecian art: simplicity, calm and rative art going on, and a lot of

And the possible saviour of the Gibson tradition, which goes back to the classic Greek, is Royal Doulton. Three years ago, the company opened the Sir Henry Doulton School of Sculpture with Frink as one of its trustees. The second two-year course, which has just begun, had 800 applicants for the seven places; for the next there are already 2,000.

"I was very worried about the teaching of basic decorative arts, and sculpture in particular," says Doulton's design director, Jo Ledger, who persuaded his company to invest £50,000 a year in the project, then brought in North Staffordshire Polytechnie's dean of arts, Colin Melbourne, to head

"We didn't need great artists for our kind of work; we needed people with ability and the basic skills and disciplines of representational sculpture, and we weren't finding it," Ledger says. "We were suffering from the madness of the Seventies, when art school training was just an extension of the ego."

But the school was not to be "a sort of design training centre for Doulton". There were to be no conditions, no provisos about working for the company after graduation, or even in the industry. "We hoped we might benefit, but chiefly we wanted to influence a change in mood, and we might claim to have succeeded because there seems to be a swing



Echoes of ancient Greece: the new display at the Walker Art Gallery

In fact, Doulton did benefit directly from the first intake, with two graduates joining Ledger's design team; two more went on to Norwich School of Art, annther wno a touring scholarship in Italy, and annther works for Madame Tussaud's, which recently committed an annual bursary to

"There just wasn't anywhere to get the kind of life work we can get re," says one of the current students, the former signwriter Anthony McCue.

The course has a drawing tutor and anatomy teaching from the company doctor, as well as life

classes. There is also the valuable support of Frink, who gives workships twice a year and made the school's first commercial show a resounding success this summer by having an exhibition of her nwn work almoside it at Keeles University. The students made £10,000 from sales, and established themselves and the school.

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"In the Fifties, art education was very restricted and needed to be released," Melbourne says. "It happened, but it went further and further and further, and inevitably it's gone too far in some areas. There's such a thing as taste, and I think public taste is beginning to bring the pendulum back a bit."

# Compensation from a splendid cast

Wagner's operas used to be rare in Italy, but this year has seen Der Fliegende Hollander in Milan, Tristan in Florence, and the entire Ring in Turin. Now the Teatro Comunale in Bologna — unrivalled last season for musical excellence by any Italian house except La Scala - has launched a splendidly sung Walkure as part

two of a four-year plan.

The cast could hardly be bettered today. Jeannine Altmeyer's Valkyrie is armed with an infinitely warm timbre that can suddenly disclose a flash of steel, a gift for turning every word to expressive account, and powers of pleading that would make the gods weep (or at least relent). Her luminous stage presence helped to compensate for the wretchedness

of the production. Siegfried Jerusalem is a Tamino whn is about to record Siegfried ideal vocal casting as Siegmund, since he has the lyricism for 2 mellifiuous "Winterstürme" as well as true Heldentenor heft. He was let down nnly by his rather unimaginative phrasing which showed no real individuality or

inspiration. Carmen Reppel was a pas-sionate Sieglinde, rising incandes-cently to her final redemptive

**OPERA** Die Walküre

Teatro Comunale, Bologna

phrases. The American Robert Hale has the voice of a great Wotan, if not yet the inter-pretative powers to use it. His dark, cleanly defined bass-baritone is immensely strong and untiring, and his projection of words is exemplary. But his portrayal of a relentlessly angry god lacked variety and subtlety even his Farewell was more disgruntled than deeply moved. Christa Ludwig was an eloquent Fricka, and Sergei Koptchak a

suitably brutal, roaring Hunding. Riccardo Chailly is principal conductor in Bologna as well as in Amsterdam, and was tackling a Wagner noera for the first time. It would be unfair to blame him for failing to display a firmer grasp of the work's architecture, since so much of his energy had to be devoted to coaxing his players — this orchestra can play Verdi excellently — but Walkare is several mishaps and problems of balance. Chailly gradually asserted his authority, however, and the last act unfolded in one huge movement whose continuity and concentration never faltered. The production is designed and

directed by Pier'Alli, who according to the programme has only one name - just like Wotan (or, come to think of it, Goofy). He uses a gauze across the front of the stage as a cinema screen for the projection of symbols and action footage; the singers are often invisible behind it. In give some idea of the range and depth of Pier'Alli's symbolism, I cite some examples: when Siegmund and Sieglinde share the mead, the film pans across the outside of the hut, paying particular attention to the window-frames; when spring arrives, unidentified flying objects reminiscent of autumn leaves swirl about; at Wotan's invocation of the redeeming hero, a masked figure on a white horse fills the screen; and in the final, tender moments of Wntan's Farewell, we watch a film of Siegfried uncovering the face of the sleeping

Nigel Jamieson



the voice of a great Wotan

# FRIDAY PAGE

Karen Angus: 'living in a cube' Christmas on rigs is not for men only. Sally Kinnes meets the women

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ulmar Alpha is an oil production platform about 150 miles off the coast of Dundee. At this time of year the days seem even shorter and darker than they are on the mainiand and from the portholes every-thing outside looks grey.

Inside, in the necessarily confined living conditions, it has tradition-

who will be there

ally been a man's world, where the "North Sea tigers" live and work. There is no written rule, but women have not been encouraged.

Gradually, however, the rigs are changing. Tomorrow night when the Fulmar's crew pile into the helihangar for a special Watch Night service which will be broadcast live on BBC Scotland, there will be a few women there too.

Most of the jobs open to women offshore are in catering. This may beem a stereotyped role for a woman, but Karen Angus, aged 24, who works for CCG Catering as a stewardess on the Fulmar, thinks it is an achievement for women to be working there at all. "We've got a long way to go but the first step's been taken."

.It has been an nphill struggle. Alison Wood, the personnel manager of CCG, had to "fight very hard" when she first wanted to go offshore several years ago. "Everyone put up barriers. They said, 'Oh you don't want to up in a helicopter. You wouldn't like it on a rig', and I

thought damn it, I'm going to go."
There is still not a flood of female applicants for offshore jobs. "If I advertised for stewards now, 95 per cent of the replies would be from men," says Alison, clearly disappointed by the female response. I think females are letting our sex down by not pushing themselves to

For the oil companies it may well be good psychology to have women which offshore. "The standard joke is that after-shave sales go up immediately in the bonded stores as soon as women go out," she says. "But lots of clients are saying it improves the atmosphere im-

mensely. It's much more relaxed." Friendships are made, but though Karen has been asked out a couple of times, she has not gone. "The feeling is very much that you are there to work," she says. "I wouldn't say any romance blossoms on the

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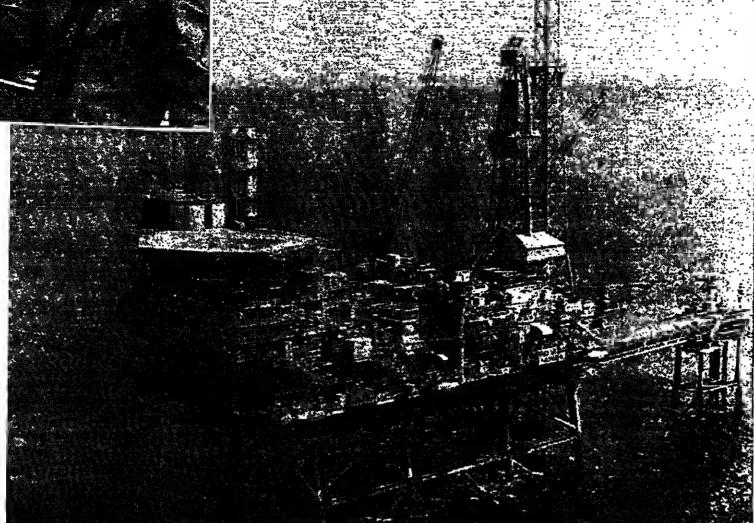
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Making waves: life on the Fulmar production platform in the North Sea is changing and this Christmas women will be celebrating with the men

# Oil riggers of '88

Though Alison thinks most men are now in favour of women working offshore, she still finds pockets of prejudice, "You know women are more acceptable on some rigs than on others. Some men still think it's an invasion of their privacy and they usually get out of it by saying that the accommodation isn't suitable."

Everyone who works on the rigs has to have a survival certificate, awarded after an intensive five-day course. Coping with simulated fires and finding your way out of smokefilled rooms is part of the first day's training. "If you're claustrophobic you could really panic," Karen says. The place is burning hot, there's a fire down below, and yon've got to walk along a steel gantry about 30 feet up in the air."

Lifeboat drill comes later - "if your coxswain's snuffed it you've got to be able to launch the lifeboat" - but it was the helicopter underwater escape training that Karen found most frightening. "A mockup shell of a helicopter comes crashing down in the water, turns

The Piper Alpha tragedy happened during her first trip offshore. "I think on your first trip you are quite frightened anyway. The alarms are so sensitive they're going off quite regularly, but everyone assured us that the layout of our rig was different from that of Piper Alpha so I wasn't unduly scared." Her biggest fear is still not that there will be an accident oo the installation, but the

espite Piper Alpha, Alison has not noticed any falling off in applications, "We've had one or two people say they'd rather work on a drilling rig or an accommodation vessel, but I

thought of a helicopter ditching.

couldn't categorically name anyone who has left because of Piper Alpha. There are still a lot of people who think working offshore involves big money and we get a constant stream of applications, particularly at stew-

Competition among catering companies is fierce for offshore

times that for the equivalent job on "the beach", an offshore term for the mainland. A steward earns about £10,400 a year and a chef about £12,500.

The money is certainly one of the main attractions for Karen. She has, for the moment at least, abandooed her first career as an occupational therapist and now sees herself making a career offshore. "At the moment it's just a job, but I don't imagine I'll be a stewardess for-ever." Some find the shift pattern of two weeks on, two weeks off, difficult but others run businesses in between shifts. Others, like Kate McLennan, a stewardess on the Fulmar who speaks as though she could have no better job, grab a few days abroad every fortnight.

Karen spends most of her free motorbike. "On the installation it's like living in a cube for two weeks. You make the best of it while you're there, but you do miss being able to

jump in the car or going to the pub." For safety reasons no alcohol is allowed on the installation and the first stop homecoming crews make is to "the Crit", the Criterion Bar opposite Aberdeen Railway Station. But for the festive season, Shell, the

owners of the Fulmar, are making an exception to the on-sicohol rule. Everyone is allowed one can of lager, one can of export, and seven ounces of wine for Christmas Day and again for New Year's Day. though CCG is asked not to send it all at once lest it is stockpiled.

For the catering staff, Christmas is the most important time of the year. "On an oil rig everyone accepts that they don't know everyone else's job, but everyone thinks they know how to cook," Alison says. "So at Christmas the chefs really have a chance to show off."

If there is a secret to the psychology of working on the rigs it is perhaps knowing what to expect. Christmas and New Year shifts are established a long way in advance so the staff are well prepared. A much back. Getting "fogged on" because the helicopter is delayed is one of the worst aspects of the job.

"You're sitting there in your best clothes with your bags all packed waiting for the chopper and theo it's late - it's like waiting for a bus that doesn't come," Kareo says. "It's a nightmare, but if there's no ooe to relieve you, you have to get back into your overalls and get back to work."

this must be the case.

anti-fur people, but I believe

had a momentous effect, so

that now hardly any fashion

Not all British magazines

have taken a policy decisioo not to feature furs. Vogue and

Harpers & Queen still take fur ads, although Vogue says that

it now only accepts fur which

has been ranch-raised rather

than trapped. "We were the

first magazine in the world to

make this distinction," it says.

Harpers says that fur ads have

become less frequent over the

past few years. Paula Piercey.

advertisement director for Harpers, adds: "Many depart-

ment stores have suffered from the ami-fur people, who think it's perfectly all right to throw fire bombs at people, and endanger human life.

Stores have been attacked so

often and lives threatened,

that now they are frightened to

editors will ever show furs."

"The David Bailey film has

assumplioo a question is

directly as asked, the re-fusal or evaston of the interviewee is

heard of the psychologists' conference reminded me of nothing so much as the gatherings of the Hun tribes who inhabited the rich lands between the Don and Dnieper rivers about 2,000 years ago. Each tribe had a wise mao called a taltos, who was called upoo to answer difficult quesnons such as who should be

# Science of the obvious

The British Psychological Society held its annual conference in London this week and did a bit of thinking about the value of soap operas the significance of whe ther husbands or wives choose wine at dinner, and the posit-

BARBARA AMIEL

of gifted children. I let most of this pass on the general theory that the so-called "soft" sciences are accurately named.

Then, on Tuesday, Dr Peter

ive role of sup-

portive tea-chers in the

achievements

Bull, of York University, who specializes in inter-personal communications, uoverled his analysis of political interviewing on lelevision Mrs Thatcher, he anoounced. evaded 56 per cent of questions put to her, while Mr Kinnock clocked in with a 59 per cent evasion score. He and a colleague had scruti-

ferent evasive tactics. That is wheo I felt it time to jump in. Even though I have oo degree in either inter-personal, or extra-personal, or even impersonal communications, it has always seemed to me ever since I could tie my own shoe- erate in a scientific field, it laces that evading questions seems to me that we have which one did not like was more than once surrendered something akin to the sucking our judgement and commonreflex for every interviewee - sense to their studies. I sup-political or otherwise. Of pose it is because we share the

ing about the whole matter

There is an

not answered

somehow an unsporting thing elothing Science, after all, has to do. I would suggest that proved itself by seeding rockwhile this may well be true ets to the moon. If a medical 51.8 per cent of the time, there doctor's machines can acis at least another 48.2 per curately measure our beartcent where the question is beat and brain-waves, why either sheer nonseose or a couldn't a managemeol con-polemic disguised as a ques-sultant's machine measure noo that does not deserve an

In fact, all the reports 1

the next chieftain. The taltos had many expert methods to determine such matters. One involved tying a wood-pigeoo to a stake and having the candidate chieftain shoot an arrow into the unblood flowed darkly and slowly, the young warrior's leadership qualities were in grave doubt, but if the flow was bright and copious, he would clearly make a suitable

doubt that, were 1 to recommend this test to Dr Bull and his conference colleagues, they would smile indulgently. They employ only the most up-to-date, advanced and scientific

methods in their studies. They, after all, may be called in to make assessments

for employers or courts in ship hearings, and bring to their task a whole range of serious tools such as funny inkspot pictures, scientifically-developed job application forms, polygraph machines. voice stress analysers, actingout dolls and the like

They are experts in their field and society accords them professional status, Indeed, they use the same language as a research chemist might; they, too, conduct "studies" nized eight political interviews and look for "experimental during the 1987 campaign, be said, and had logged 31 difor joke a bit when they lord it over us with their questionnaires and tape recorders, but where is the local authority that has stopped employing or consulting them?

In the mistaken belief that these contemporary talios opcourse, if one wants to address same emotional need for certhe merits of the question raised by Dr Bull, there seems unpredictable future that drew to be only one thing worth say- the ancient Huns to their talios and his

wood-pigeon. We may resent And while the advent of underlying this them, but where is science has quantification that every time the local authority scepticial of old-fashioned oracles, it that has stopped seems to have tible to oracles

> whether we are telling the truth? Why shouldn't we believe the psychologist's conclusion about sex education and prison reform?

No reasoo, I thick, except that the human mind is just a little too complex for the expert's machines. It is not that ooe should dismiss the intriguing disciplines of sociology or political science - or eveo human resources management - which may be studied by many iotelligent and emicent people. But, like philosophy and theology, they are mere speculations about the oature of human beings and their communities.

They cannot be applied like fortunate fowl. If the hird's the hard sciences, nor can they replace our moral instincts as pareots, spouses, judges or entrepreneurs. Flying by deadreckoning or the seat of ooe's pants is better, as any pilot will confirm, thao flying hy an unreliable compass.

#### contracts. Most belong to the Cater-ers Offshore Trade Association upside down, and you have to get out. It was terrifying. If she panicked at the time Karen (COTA), which agrees salary levels. has certainly kept her nerve since. Salaries are about one-and-a-half Debenham's, once one of mal Liberation Front, are Britain's biggest fur retailers, decided this year never to sell

than 70 per cent of British people would not now wear a

"The fur trade has always promoted a glamorous image, but since our campaign began three years ago, the public have been given the facts. Every single fur coat is produced by animal cruelty. You can't make a fur coat without

director of Lynx, the organiza-tion responsible for the fam-Yvonne Paul, who runs a successful modelling agency, ous "dumb animal" poster decided five years ago that no showing a fur coat trailing girl on her books would model blood, and also the antia fur coat. "I have lost bookings because of this policy," she says. "But I don't care. I am totally against fur coats, and anybody who rings me up for a fur booking will are an earful Many other trapping cinema film made by David Bailey, has no doubt that the lack of demand for furs is mainly due to its campaigns but he believes the recent fire bomb attacks on get an earful. Many other department stores, which model agencies now also feel have been linked to the Ani-

Why furs are He says: "They don't need to use these tactics. They are in the cold counter-productive. Three different opinion polls have already confirmed that more

> The terror tactics go on, but the battle against furs might already be won

strongly, and just about all the top models will not wear a fur coat whatever they are paid." One fur-coat owner now too embarrassed to wear her animal skin is Marcelle D'Argy Smith, deputy editor of Cosmopolitan. This magazine, along with British Elle and She, now refuses to feature for

coats in any way. "I own a fur coat which I bought in New York, and at 15 degrees below freezing in winter you need one," D'Argy Smith says. "But now it stays in storage and I wouldn't be seen dead in it, even though

I'm not particularly an animal liberationist. Here, all the staff recoil from running any fea-ture or ad which involves a fur

American Cosmopolitan is still fur-minded — it ran an article this year on "My First Mink", and French Elle has no scruples about fur features. Decisions as to whether to feature fur are largely up to individual editors.

Joan Chaumeton, who has been in the fur trade for more than 23 years and is a consultant to Saga, the world's biggest producers of ranched



Luxury: but shumed by many mink and fox, is in oo doubt that the British lack of interest in fur is in large part due to the

anti-fur campaigners.

She says: "To my mind, the stores are giving in to terrorism and are made to feel either guilty or terrified for selling furs. Most of the stores won't admit that it's because of the

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Debenham's refused to confirm that its policy of not selling fur coats was in any way caused by virulent antifur campaigns directed at its stores. Spokeswoman Patricia Saxby says: "Over the past three years, public demand has declined to such an extent that running fur departments was no longer profitable. We do continue to sell fake furs."

sell fur."

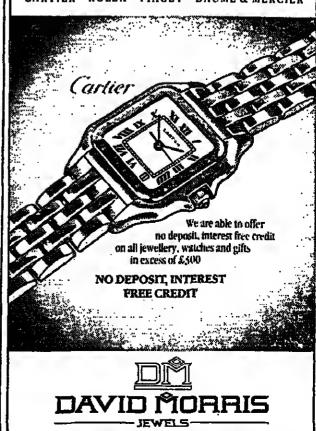
Furrier Michael Hockley, whose family has been in the trade for three generations, says: "The past few years have been disastrous, but I think there will always be a demand at the better end of the market. We have just opened a new fur shop in Bond Street, and it's doing really well."

"World-wide, the fur trade is expanding," Lynx's Michael Glover says. "Retail sales in America are topping \$2 billion a year, and one fur company has a contract with Dynasty. We have had a huge impact in Britain, but furs continue to sell in other countries. We shan't be happy until there are no fur coats in existence

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→ BRIGADOON: OK revival of Lerner R BRIGADON: OR TRIVIA OF LEARN and Lowwe's misty Scottish musical. Victoria Palace, Victoria St SW1 (01-834 1317), Tube: Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, Mats Thurs, Sat 2.30-5pm, £8-£20. Thurs mat, all seats half-price.

\* BUDGIE: Adam Faith with Anita Dobon in thinnish Soho musical. Cambridge Theetre, Sariham St, WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm, £8-£20. (D)

& HENCEFORWARD; lan McKellen and Jane Asher in excellent Ayckbourn set in a future London serviced by willing

obots... Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988), Tube: Charing Cross, Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 8.30-10.50pm; Mats Wed 2.30-4.50pm and Sat 5-7.20pm, £7.50-£15.

\* KIT AND THE WIDOW IN FIGGY PUDDING: Return of the suave and sophisticated double act; largely new material but even the old is worth a second showing. Lyric Theatre, King St. W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Tues-Fri 8.30-10.30pm; Sat 8.30-8.30pm and on Jan 7 also 9-11pm. £8.

& PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE: Theatre or PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE Theath de Complicite in top form for their tribute to the horrors of a family Christmas. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Angel/Highbury & islington. Tonight only 8-9.30pm, £3.50-£6.50.

\* THE SNEEZE: Marvellously funny A THE SMEEZE: Marvellousy turny and varied Chekhov/Frayn pieces, eight in all: Rowan Atkinson, Timothy West and Cheryl Campbell in peak form, Directed by Ronald Eyre,
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404/0641), Tube: Holborn/Temple/Charing Cross/Covent Garden, Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 5pm and 8.30pm; mat Wed 3pm, £5-£15.

\* ZOO OF TRANQUILLITY: Return of Sylvester McCoy's children's adventure through a managene of Heath Robinson automations. Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith, Tues-Fri 8-9-30pm, Sat mat 4.30-6pm, 25, Two weeks only.

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BRISTOL: & Beyond Thorapy: Christopher Durang's sprightly comedy opens Bristol's first pub theatre. The Showboat, 323 Gloucester Road (0272 669879), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3. Until Dec 31.

MANCHESTER: Arms and the Man: Paul Herzberg plays the chocolate soldier in Casper Wrade's revival. Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833). Mon-Thurs 7.30cm, Fri and Sat 8pm. Mon-Thurs £2.80-£9.50. Fri and Sat £3.30-£10.

SCARBOROUGH: \* The Turn of the Screw: A ghost story for Christmas. Stephen Malatratt's version of Henry Shiphen Malatratt's version or nearly James's uncarny tale.
Staphan Joseph Theatre-in-the-Round, (0723 370541). Tues-Sat 7.30pm, Sat mat 4pm. Closes Fri Dec 23 until Fri Dec 28. £4.80. Concessions, OAPs £3.80, students and UB40s £2.80. (D)

#### FILMS

Also on national release 2 Advance booking possible

AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG): Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drams, set in a provincial boarding school in the last months of the Second World War. Gaspard Manesse heads the young, non-professional cast (197 min). Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.50.

BIRD (15): Clint Eastwood's Impressively mounted biography of Charlie Parker with Forest Whitaker as the legendary jazz sexophonist (161

min). az Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.25, A35, 7.55. Carmon Fullman Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 5.15, 8.45. Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.30, 7.45.

 A FISH CALLED WANDA (15): The adventures of two scheming Americans (Jamle Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline), an uppght English barrister (John Cleese) and an animal rights tanetic (Michael Palin), who owns a fish called Wands.

#### TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

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1 (1) Who Framed Roger Rabbit 2 (2) A Fish Called Wanda 3 (3) High Spirits 4 (4) Willow Scrooged

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In tune: the choir of Kings College Cambridge prepare for their annual festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

# come all ye faithful

SCROOGED (PG): Seasonal comedy featuring Bill Murray as the TV executive determined to exploit Christmas to the full. Directed by Richard Donner (101

Cannon Baker St (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.15. Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.

Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 5.55, 8.25.

WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT (PG):

Energetic mixture of cartoons and real

"toon" characters, headed by Roger Rabbit. Bob Hoskins plays the dishevelled gumshoe, Eddie Vallant (104

life. Ace animation director, Richard Williams supplies a france array of

Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 5111). Progs 10,15, 12.45, 3,30, 6.10, 8.50, 11.45.

11.45. Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644), Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.45. Cannon Chelsen (01-352 5086). Progs 1.40, 4.49, 7.10, 9.30.

Progs 2.25, 4.30, 7.00, 8.55.

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols from Kings College, Cambridge is for many people as integral to Christmas as the Queen's speech. Over the decades Families have tuned their radios — and laterly switched on the television to hear the Christian message spelled out and the traditional carols sung by some of the purest voices in the land. This year sees the 70th anniversary of the first service instituted by Eric Milner-White, then Dean of Kings, who decided to revive a similar service conducted by Archbishop Benson whilst he was Bishop of Truro in 1880. Since 1918, there have been a few changes in the service - not the lessons, the "backbone" of the celebration - but in the choice of music. Though

certain carols, such as Hark the Herald Angels Sing and O Come all Ye Faithful are sacrosanct as Stephen Cleobury, Fellow Organist and Director of Music says: "The music is a marvellous tradition and must be maintained but like an old tree it needs new branches." Since his appointment in 1982 he has introduced a new carol for each service. This year, the Australian Peter Sculthorpe was commission we shall hear his interpretation of Henry Vanghan's Awake Glad Heart! And also, after Once in Royal David's City a carol sung at that first service Up Good Christens. Kings College Chapel, Cambridge. Tomor-row, 3pm. Admission by quening, officially from Judy Froshaug

Script by John Cleese. Directed by Ealing veteran Charles Crichton (109 min).

Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310), Progs

Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.55, 8.05. Cannon Shaffasbury Ave (01-636 8861/8606). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25. & Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 3.50,

8.15, 8.40. Gate Notting His (01-727 4043), Progs 2.05, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00. Screen on Baker St (01-935 2772). Progs 4.05, 6.40, 8.40. GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15):

Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson (121 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310).
Progs 2.00, 5.05, 8.10.
# Warner West End (01-439 0791).
Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

HIGH SPIRITS (15): Spirited supernatural comedy from director Nell Jordan, with Peter O Toole as the decrepit owner of an Irish castle advertised as haunted (92 min). Odeon West End (01-830 5252), Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.20, 8.55.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON: Dudley Moore stars in a yet another "kid in a man's body" film with Kirk Cameron as the son (100 min).

Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 8.05. Cannon Chalses (01-352 5096), Progs 1.35, 4.30, 7.15, 9.40. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.00. Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.50, 7.25. Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.00, 3.20, 6.00.

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive bail-tumping accountant cross-country.

#### With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin CONCERTS Brest (125 min). Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.05, 6.45, 9.20.

★ LEOPOLD, LEROY, ETC: Richard Hickox conducts the LSO in such old favourites as Leopold Mozart's Toy Symphony, Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride, Rimsky-Korsakov's Christmas Eve Polonasse, the choruses and Intermezzo from Firet's German Intermezzo from Bizet's *Carmen*.

Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). 7.15-8.15pm, £4-£13.50.

#### ROCK

A SOUREZE: South London wide-boys' Christmas knees-up, Brodon Academy, 211 Stockwell Road, London SW9 (01-326 1022) 7.30pm,

☆ MOTORHEAD: The grandfathers of speed metal. Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £7-£8.

GARY GLITTER: The seasonally active Bacofoil man, still the leader of rock's pantomime tendency. NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 8pm,

\* DURAN DURAN: A previous

teenybop generation's equivalent to Bros, struggling to gain adult credibility, but retaining a fair measure of commercial clout. Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £10.50-£12.50, for two nights.

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#### GALLERIES

EH SHEPARD (1879-1976): See caption. Sally Hunder Fine Art, 2 Motcomb St. London SW1 (01-235 0934). Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, free, until Dec 24.

100 YEARS OF ART IN BRITAIN: This put reaks up att in thi late this gallery's centenary is celebrated with an axhibition of works representing each year of its existence.

Leeds (0532 462495), Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Jan 15.

THE STAFFA PROJECT: Paintings by Ian McKeever and photographs by Tom Cooper, the results of a commission to visit the uninhabited Hebridean island. Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow (041 357 3929), Mon-Set 10am-Spm, Sun 1-5pm, free, until Jan 8.

SHIRAZEH HOUSHIARY: Organic and symbolic pieces from the last five years by an Iranian-born sculptor.

Museum of Blodern Art, 30 Pembroke St. Oxford (0865 722733), Tues-Set 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Jan 15.

PLOTTING THE COURSE: Works by 27 young black artists which interpret their concerns. Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield St (0902 312032), Mon-Sat 10am-Spm, free, until Jan 31.

**GLYNN WILLIAMS: Recent stone** carvings. Bernard Jacobson Gallery, Za Cork St, London W1 (01 439 8355), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Jan 7.

retrospective of paintings, prints and drawings by a pioneer British Modernist. Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Sq (021 235 2800), Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Dec 31. CR W NEVINSON (1889-1946); A



Today is the last chance to see an exhibition of drawings by E.H.Shepard (1879-1976), il-Instrator of Winnie the Pooh (above) and an artist described as the last of the great Victorian 'black and white' men." Besides his definitive and charming interpretations of Pooh and Christopher Robin the show features preparatory sketches for Psuch cartoons, advertisements and assorted children's books including Hans Andersen's Fairy-tales. All works are for sale and most fall into the modest £200-£400 price range. (See Gallery listings.)

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NATIONAL TRUST EVENTS: Father NATIONAL TRUST EVENTS: Father Christmas visits two Trust properties today, giving free gifts to children aged seven and under. Waterside, The Plains, Tomess (8803 863475). 2-5pm.
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participation. Venn Street Arts Centre, Huddersfield. Today and tomorrow. (Info and bookings, today 0.484 22133, extr. 2027, tomorrow 0.484 23877). Tickets adults 22.25 and 22.50, child £1.50 and £1.75.

#### OTHER EVENTS

LATIMERIA CHALHUMNAE — A LIVING FOSSIL: Just opened at the Natural History Museum, a special exhibition about the "living" fossil fish, the coelecanths, thought until 50 years ago to have been extinct for more than 80 million years. They are the only living representatives of a group whose characteristics have scarcely changed in over 400 million years.

Natural History Museum, Cromwell Rd, London SW7 (01-938-9388). Today 10sm-4pm, closed Dec 24, 25 and 26 and Jan 1, thereafter Mon-Sat 10sm-6pm, Sun 1-5pm, Admission adult 22, child 5-15 years 21, under fives free.

#### BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

RSC AT THE BARBICAN: New productions of The Churchill Play and Three Sisters; also The Wizard of Oz. Measure for Measure and The Taming of the Shrew, January. Bathlean Theatre, Silk St, London EC2. (01-638 8891).

WIGMORE IN JANUARY: Programme Includes appearances by Brighte Fassbaender in Winterreise, John Ogdon, Trio of London, Amsterdam Guitar Trio, and Julian Bream. Concarts in following series: Early Music and Baroque, London Pianotorte, Song Recital, On This Island, and International Chamber Music. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Spring season includes British première of Aribert Reimann's Lear as part of ENO/Opera Factory Reimann festival; new production of Faistaff with Benjamin Cuxon — and revivals of The Pearl Fishers and The Turn of the regar rishers and the furn of the Screw, with Cathryn Pope and Robert Tear, Jan-April. Collegum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3151, cz. 91-240 5256).

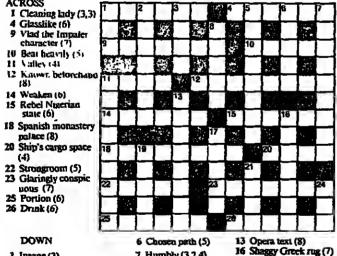
LAST CHANCE

MARTIN ALLEN: Sculptor-photographer puts old beer cans to creative use. Ends tomorrow. Gellery, 8-9 Paddington St, London W1 (01-487 2641).

STAINED GLASS: Display by Weingart Associates, Ends Wed. Foyles Art Gellery, 113-19 Charing Cross Road, London WC2.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Fibras: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair, Jazz. Clive Davis; Dance John Percival; Galleries:
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6.50 Police 5 with Shaw Taylor
7.00 A Kind of Loving, Domestic
comedy series starring Richard
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Special with Nicholas Lynchurst and Janet Dibley. Elaine finally agrees to marry Ashley and they decide on a Swiss honeymoon — but nothing ever goes to plan.

and Tim Healy
7.30 The Two of Us Christmas

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8.30 The Rath Rendell Christmas
Mysters: No Crying it Makes.
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of a baby that has been
exchanged for another and
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then has to search for the missing infant. Starring George Baker and Christopher Raverscroft

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair
Stawart 10.10 LWT News

10.15 Citye James - Racing Driver.
Citye James's progress from learner driver to speedster in a mile-e-minute contest round the Adelaide International
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11.15 Film: Stroker Ace (1963)
starring Burt Reynolds. Stock car
racing drama about a star
driver and his rival who wants to
toppie him from top of the
pack. With Ned Beatty and Parker
Stevenson. Directed by Hal
Neethem
1.90 Dave Dee and Friends'
Christmas Beat Club. The pop
singer tooks back at his days
in the music industry during the
1960s

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Leon Errol in Moving Vanities
(b/w). 6.35 Weather
7.00 Breakfast Time with Sally
Magnusson and John Stapleton.
Includes national and
International news at 7.00, 7.30,
6.00 and 8.30; weather at
7.25, 7.35 and 8.25; regional
news and travel reports at news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27

7.27, 7.57 and 8.27
8.30 The Firstenes (1), 8.55
Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by
The Canterville Ghost. Animated
ghost story
9.25 St Nicholas and the Children.
Two children have to journey
through a haunted forest in
order to find food. 9.50 Henry's
Cart (1).

Cet (f).

News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). 10.28 Playbus 10.80 Paddington (r). 10.55 Five to Eleven with Judi Dench News and weather followed by Film: Electric Eskisso (1979). A Children's Film Foundation drama about a young Eskimo boy with the facility to generate yest amounts of electricity, Directed by Frank Godwin.

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12.00 News and weather followed by
A Song For Christmas introduced
by Phillip Schofield, 12.55
Regional news and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn
Lewis, Weather, 1.30
Neighbours, Daphne finelly
loses her temper with Elect;

1.50 Film: One of Our Dinessurs is
Missing (1975) starring Peter
Ustinov, Helen Hayes and
Derak Nimmo. A Walt Disney
comedy adventure about the

comedy adventure about the plot by the fiendish Chinese to regain possession of a top secret formula. Directed by Flobert Stevenson. (Ceefax) 3.25 The Pink Panther Show 3.45 Cartoon Coments Young people's questions answered by Sophie Aldred, Stephen Johnson and children from Whenwell Primary School 4.05 Ewoks 4.30 The Satellite Show.

9.00 Ceefax
12.00 Film: Brewster's Millions
(1944, b/w) starring Dennis
O'Keefe, Helen Walker and
June Havoc. A man inherits \$8
million on condition that he
spends a million of it within two
months. Directed by Alian
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3.50
4.00 Laurel and Hardy in Come
Clean (b/w) a 1931 short in which
the two heroes save a lady of
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1.40 Under Sall. The threemasted barque Gorch Fock (r).
News and weather followed by
Sport on Friday which affords the
chance of picking the sporting
highlights of the year. Includes
news and weather at 3.00 and
3.50

b/w) starring Laurel and Hardy as two gypsies who find themselves guardians of a

kidnapped young woman. Directed by James W. Home and

5.00 Billy's Christman Angels.

Musical tale of a young man who dreams of playing in a rock band. 5.35 Neighbours (r).

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer

6.30 London Plus and weather

7.00 Christman Telly Addicts.
Starring in tonight's special are Terry Wogan, Bill Cotton, Michael Grade, Ernie Wise, Margaret Forwood and Susan Reynish.

Margaret Forwood and Susan Reynish.

7.30 Fawity Towers. Basil takes a dislike to a guest whom he suspects of smuggling a girl into his room and decides to eatch them together (r). (Ceefax)

8.10 Christmas with the Two Romales. A repeat of Mesers Barker and Corbett's 1987 Christmas show — their last show

Christmas show – their last show together. Among the guests is Charlton Heston (Ceetax)
Nine O'Clock Naws with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and

weather

3.30 Blackadder's Christmes Carol starring Rowan Atkinson and Tony Robinson. A Victorian

Robinson. A Victorian
melodrama about the sainty
Ebenszer Blackadder, whose
good deeds incur the wrath of his
miserly ancestors who come to
haunt him. (Ceefax)

10.15 Film: The Dirty Dozanz The
Next Mission (1984) starring Lee
Marvin and Ernest Borgnine. A
made-for-television Second World
War adventure about a mission
to kill a high-ranking German
officer behind enemy lines.
Directed by Andrew V. McLagien.
(Ceetax)

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11.45 Film: The Seven Year Itch
(1955) starring Marilyn Monroe
and Tom Ewell. Superior
comedy about a middle-aged
married man, left on his own
after packing his family off on
holiday, who makes the
acqueintance of the young woman
in the upstairs apartment.
Directed by Billy Wilder. (Caetax)

1.25cm Weather.

5.30 Food and Drink Christmas

Games presented by Cliff

5.30 Poor land Links

Challenge.

Highlights of the VIII Paralympic

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7.00 Becall on Bogart. A tribute to the Hollywood star from his widow and others including Katharine Hepburn, John Huston, Van Johnson, Alistair Cooke and Ingrid Bergman

8.30 Emertainment USA. Jonathan

8.30 Entertainment USA. Jonathan King in New York
8.00 Arene: The Unforgettable Net King Cole. (see Choice)
10.30 The Late Show with Clive James. The celebration of Christmas is discussed by Enoch Powell, Howard Jacobson and the Bishop of Durham, David Jenkins 11.20 Weether
11.26 Fibri: An American in Parte (1951) starring Gene Kelly and Lesie Caron. Musical romance about a penillenairess, who falls for a penillenairess, who falls for a penilless woman who is already engaged. Directed by Vincente Minnell. (Ceetax) Ends at 1.20mm.

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6.00 TV-em begins with The 5.15 Biockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teeragers, presented by Bob Holness 5.45 News with Alastair Stewart
6.90 LWT News
8.10 Friday Now presented by Pam
Royle includes the final result of
the 1988 Christmas Tree
Angel

6.00 TV-am begins with The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys and Kathy Rochford; 7.00 News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Mornis and Kathy Rochford; 8.00 News; 9.00 News and Wacaday with Timmy Mallett

9.25 Lucky Ladders, Game show hosted by Lemnis Bennett 9.55 Thames news and weather 10.00 He Man and the Masters of the Universe (r), 10.25 Disney Cartoon, The Oscarwinning The Country Cousin, made in 1938

10.40 This Moming — it's Christmes presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley, Includes national news at 10.55 and regional news at 11,65

followed by weather

12.10 Rainbow. Learning with
puppets (r). 12.30 Santa Barbera.
The concluding episode of the glossy scap
1.00 News at One with Julia
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1.30 Currents includes a report on the stress among clergymen at Christmas time 2.00 The Bill. Omribus edition (r). 2.55 Home Cookery Club. Chocotate Apple Cake (r).

3.00 What's My Line? Odd occupations panel game introduced by Angela Rippon. This afternoon's guests are Jilly Cooper, Roy Hudd, Simon Williams and Jilly Johnson 3.25 Themes news and weather

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3.30 Sons and Deughters.
Australian family drams serief
4.00 Crush o Grape with Stu
Francis. It's pento time and among
those taking part are Jim
Bowen, Debbie Greenwood, Sean
Kerly and Paul Shane 4.30
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4.45 Preetime visits Boulogne at the
time when St Nicholes arrives in
the town; and Andi Peters the town; and Andi Peters meets children taking part in a special pentomime

1960s
2.00 Night Network with a seasonal glance at the holiday's charts, talevision and sport
4.00 Baseball '88 World Series.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends 6.00.

9.30 Film: It's a Gift (1934, b/w)
starring W. C. Fleids as a henpecked, humble store-owner
who sells up in order to buy an
orange grove in California.
Directed by Norman Z. MeLeod
16.45 The Gingerbread Nen. A
children's musical play by David
Wood, set on an antique
idished dresser, performed by the

wood, set on an amouse
litchen dresser, performed by the
Whirligig Theatre (r).

12.30 Business Delly. Financial and
business news service 1.00
Seems Street. Pre-school 2.00 Film: Lord of the Rings (1978).

An animated version of Tolden's tale set in a mythological world. Among those providing the voices are Christopher Guard and William Squire. Directed by Raiph Bakshi

4.30 Filmen-to-One. The grand final of the quiz show

6.00 Mork & Mindy. American comedy series

comedy series 4.30 Redbrick. Series on life at Newcastle University (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Peacle Tale Theatric Sleeping
Beauty starring Bernadette Peters
and Christopher Reeve

19.00 The Last Recort. Jonathan
Ross's guests include the Del
Rubio Triplets, Peter Cook and
Paul Merton
19.50 Fixes Metropolis (1926, b)w
and colour) starring Brights Heim
and Gustav Frolich. A timed
version of Fritz Lang's classic
silent science fiction drama,
with a rock soundtrack added in
1984. (see Choice)

mannered professor who becomes involved in murder after becoming obsessed with a portrait of a woman. Directed by

CHANNEL 4 7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonaid and Anne Perkins. Weather.
7.86 Graceland: African Concert. Highlights of Paul Simon's two-day concert at Rufaro Stadium in Herers. (r).
9.00 The Golden Gerts.
9.30 A Houseful of Plants. Indoor gardening actrics. (Oracle)
10.00 The Last Resort. Jonathan Ross's questri. Jonathan Boss's questri include the Del

1984. (see Choice)
isen The Woman in the Wiladow
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King of the singers

TELEVISION CHOICE

 Asked in Areas (BBC2, 9.00pm) to choose their favourite Nat King Cole song. Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Harry Belafoote and Oscar Peterson all come up with a different answer. Which must say much for the breadth of Cole's appeal. As for Cole the man, no one in an ample 90minute profile can find a word to say against him. He really does seem to have been as sweet and gentle and tolerant as his family and friends say he was. Sadly, he had an awful lot to be tolerant about. It is difficult to realize that only 30 years ago an entertainer as talented and dignified and non-political as Cole could arouse such racial hatred. He had the word "nigger" burnt into his lawn and in Birmingham, Alabama, be was roughed op oo stage. His television show, though popular with the public, folded because the sponsors withdrew their support. The man from Max Factor explained that "the Negro didn't sell our lipstick". Said Cole, more in sorrow than anger: "Madison Avenue is afraid of the dark." Cole was bigger than all the insults and his career was as successful as any black entertainer's up to that time. Fortnnately, much of it has been preserved on film and if the programme is stronger on narrative than analysis, the raw material is there in abundance. Footage of concert performances is supplemented by clips from a 1950s film biopic and delightful reminders of Cole's obviously refuctant appearance on This Is Your Life. The Cole family



Unforgettable: Nat King Cole, a popular entertainer and man who had to tolerate racial hatred and insults (BBC2, 9.00pm)

 Fritz Lang, whose dark and fatalistic vision first emerged in the German silent cinema of the 1920s and later (cour-tesy of Hitler) transferred to Hollywood, is celebrated with a season of films on Channel 4. It begins tonight with a contrasting double-bill of the 1926 science fiction epic, Metropolis (10.50pm), in the - brothers, sisters, widow 1926 science fiction epic, Maria, daughter Natalie - is Metropolis (10.50pm), in the extensively interviewed. restored and tinted version with a rock score by Giorgio Moroder, and the 1944 Ameri-

Window (12.25am). To come are M (December 29), with Peter Lorre as the child murderer hunted down by his fellow criminals, Spencer Tracy in Fury (December 27) and Henry Fonda as the doomed gangster of You Only Live Twice (December 30). The concluding film is Hang-men Also Die (January 1) which was co-scripted by Bertolt Brecht.

Peter Waymark

# A sacrificial tapestry

**RADIO** CHOICE

Though it happened nearly 24 years ago, his early death is still deeply felt.

Only Weish-speakers will know bow much of the texture of Saunders Lewis's original language in Amlyn ac Amig survives in Tony Conran's English version, The Vow (Radio 3, 9.20pm), but my Anglo-Italian ears picked up many subtle colours with strands of gold running through them. I kept thinking estry, a pictorial process much assisted by the score written for the play by the Welsh composer William Mathias. And, of course, the play itself is set in medieval times, though its roots lie in Genesis and the story of Abraham's sacrificial test of faith. In The Vow, Saunders Lewis's Abraham is a knight (Ray Smith, one of the principality's most versatile actors), bound to



versatile actors (R3, 9.20pm) how poignant the dilemma is from the fact that the sacrifice demanded of the Abraham knight is the slaughter of his two sons, and that the time fixed for the knights' mutual vows to be put to the test is Christmas Evc. Not a conventional Christmas play, as you can see, but its message is of and for, this very special

sequence involving a visioo of Raphael, Angel of God. We have on the authority of the Anglican priest and counsellor who contributes to Dreaming: Doorway to Hidden Truth (Radio 4, 11.00am) that there are 101 such visions in the Scriptures, as well as 131 dreams. Some of them are duly described during Rosemary Hartill's investigation into the nature of dreams. ancient and modern, and how they can be interpreted. No explanation can be definitive in an area of experience where the criteria differ from person to person: warnings of death, revelations about a hidden past, the blinding light that shows a would-be suicide that there is love in the world. But the explanation of dreams that I liked most is the one that says they give us access to a continuing awareness of how we feel about ourselves and

Peter Davalle

# Paul Simon: highlights of the Graceland tour (C4, 7.55pm)

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7.30 News
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Arts Trio Arts Trio
9.36 Into God's Kingdom:
Bairstow (Blessed City
Heavenly Salem: Choir of
Megdalen College Oxford
under John Harper with

Gooffrey Webber, worning Gooffrey Webber, organi; Sumsion (Tric: Deads Plano Trio: Rubbra (Three Psaans: Brian Rayner Cook, bartone, and Antony Saunders, plano); Stanford (Serenade in F Op 95: Cantingon; Hotel (Three Saunders, painty, staintend (Serenade in F Op 95: Capricom); Hoist (Three Yedic Hymisn, Op 24: Hayner Cook with Saunders); Parry (Symphony No 5 in B minor: LPO under Boutit; Cruft (Into God's Kingdom Op 80: Rayner Cook with Saunders); Watmaley (Oboe Sonatina No 2 in G: Robin Canter, obos, with Richard Burnett, fortspiano); Ouseley (O Saviour of the World: Choir of Magdalen College Oxford under Harper); Parry (My Soul There is a Country: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen College); Stanford (Giorious and Powertut God: Choir of Magdalen Choir

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Groves conducts Frederick
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Rose, and Born is a Babe
(orch lain Hamilton); and
Tchalikovsky's Symphony
No 1 in C minor (Winter
Daydreams): With Patricia
McMahon (soprano)

1.00 News 1.05 Shostakovich and Bridge: Borodin Quartet play Shostakovich's String Quartet No 8 in C minor; and Frank Bridge's String Quartet No S (r) 2.00 For the Birth of the Baroque Singers and Players directed by Micholas Kraemer (harpsictord), with Timothy Mason (cello), Sarah Cunningham Seren Cunningham (violone). Nigel North (architte) and Andrew

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(archlute) and Andrew
Lucas (organ), Includes
2.45 interval reacting (r)
3.30 Rubinstein on Record:
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Op 49; Brahms's intermezzi
in A Op 118 No 2, and E
minor Op 119 No 2;
Schumann's Pieno Culintet
in E fist Op 44 (with the
Guarneri Cuartet; VillaLobos's A Prote do beber,
Saint-Saens's Pieno
Concerto No 2 in G minor
(with Symphony of the Air
under Waltenstein); and
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Love of Tiree Oranges

Love of Three Oranges A Century of English String Music: Guildhall String Ensemble play three recent Ensemble play three recent scores by young composers. Robert Sexton's Birthdey Music for Richard Rodney Bennett (1989; Nigel Osbome's Esquisses (1987); and Nicholes Banna's Round Dence (1986)

8.30 Mainty for Pleasure: David Hoult reflects on some Christmases of the past 6.39 Bird Lives Charles Fox with the second in a series of six

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programmes about the American juzz saxophonist Charlie "Yardbird" Parker 7.00 News 7.06 Third Ear: Sir Roy Strong telks to Patrick Reyn about his work as a designer of cathedral stained glass windows 7.30 Music from the Flames. London Symphony

Orchestra under Mistislav Rostropovich play Shoetakovich's Symphony No 15 in A; and Symphony No 12 in D Minor (The Year 1917), Includes 8.20 interval reading

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10.25 Britannia Triumphans: Parley of Instruments directed by Peter Holman and Mark Caudia, with the New London Consort directed by Philip Pickett, perform canzones. Intrade and dences from two collections of 1601 by the German composer Hans

10.56 Dreamsongs: Computer music by Mike McNabb (r) 11.06 Composers of the West: Korngold, Rozsa and Spainer (r) 12.00 News, Ends 12.05.

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7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News	4.05 All in the Mind: Professor
8.55, 7.55 Weather 8.57	Anthony Clare's magazine
Yesterday in Parliament	about matters psychologics
8.57 Weather	examines the ant of bedside
9.00 News	manners (s) (r)
8.05 Desert Island Diecs: Sue	4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)

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Heath MP (s) (r)

S.46 The Way You Say It
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selection of racio garles and
blunders from the archives
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Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: The Penny
Execution by Carterine
Lucy Czerkawska. Read by
Stella Forge
10.45 Delty Service (s)
11.60 News; Dreaming: Rosemery
Harthill explores the world
of dreams (s) (r) (see
Choice)

the series of children's books programmes features Margaret Horsfield examining the role of greed in children's literature

12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard

12.25 The Food Programme examines fessing and hospitality in other countries where Derek Cooper taxes worte defeacles such as grasshopper and duck's

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2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
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Roberson talk about
Boucleas, a story in rhythm

about the warner queen which is to be acreened on television next week: plus some Bristol school children get a chance to air their views on the Christmas television schedules; a 92year-old woman talks about her experiences aged 24 of being asked by Thomas Hardy to play Tess of the D'Urbervilles; and Danny de Sousa, who spent 12 years in a Turkish prison for drug smuggling, talks about what it is like being a prisoner abroad views on the Christmas

Anthony Clare's magazine about matters psychological examines the art of bedside manners (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM: Presented by Valerie
Singleton and Bill Frost
5.60 Shipping Forecast
5.65 Weather Report 6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs and the team with travel and

7.05 News
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7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret
Howard with highlights of
the past week's television
and radio programmes (s)
8.20 Any Questions? Jonathan
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9.00 Stop Press: Martin Walmwright takes a look at the week's newspapers and take to serve of the penele.

tals week a newspapers and talks to some of the people behind the headlines 8.30 Letter From America by Alistar Cooke 8.45 Kaleidoscope: Christopher Cook invites the author Paul

Bailey, the opera critic Rodney Milnes, and the novelist Bernice Rubens to discuss how Christmas is depicted in words, pictures and music and why

celebrate the feature season in the way we do

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy (5 of 20). Read by Kenneth Height 10.29

Weather 10.30 The World Tonight:
Presented by Michael
Vestey
11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11,30 Today in Perlament 11,35 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news provided by Sally Graca, David Tate, Bit Walls and Royce Mills (s) 12.00 News 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast VMF as LW except: 1.55-

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# The flight that ended in the streets of Lockerbie

#### High wind forced a change of route

By Harvey Elliott and Tony Dawe

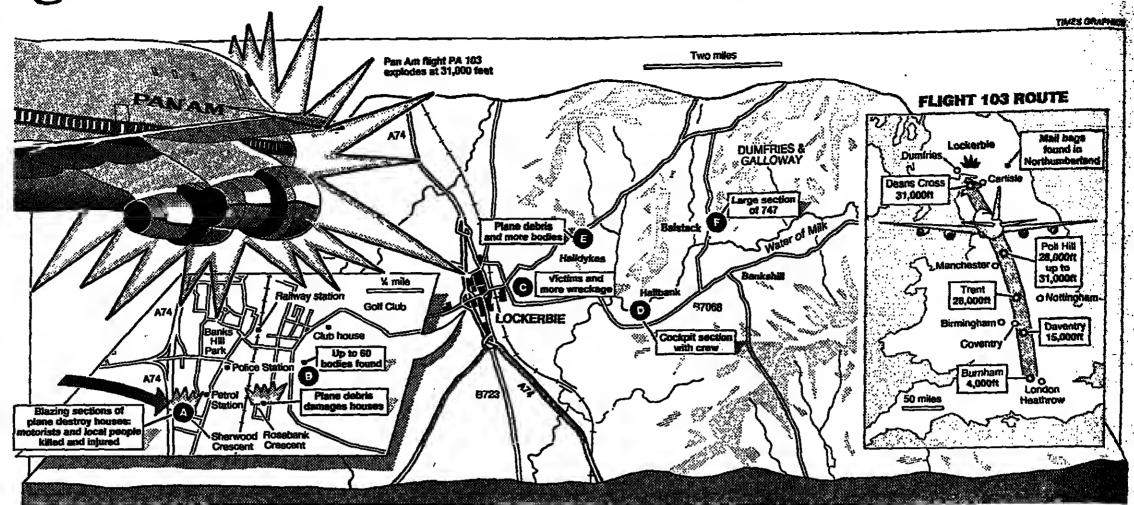
A variation on Wednesday afternoon in the jet stream, the high-level winds which govern the routes followed by aircraft, took Pan Am flight PA 103 on fateful journey over

For nearly a week, the jet stream had been creating rough weather on the more northerly routes across the Atlantic favoured by the airlines, forcing them to route their American flights southwest from London.

The change in the weather gave pilots a choice and of seven flights which left Heathrow Airport, London, for America on Wednesday evening, three chose the southern route, while four elected to fly north. One of them was the Pan Am Boeing 747, called Clipper Maid of the Seas. Had it taken the southern route it would have been over the Atlantic when the bomb

The pilot filed his flight plan with air traffic control at 4 pm and took off from Runway 27 Right at 6.25 pm, 25 minntes later than scheduled. He soon banked right towards a navigation beacon at Burnham, north of Slough, and headed northwards through the heart of England.

He passed over Daventry in the East Midlands at 15,000 ft, Narborough. Leicestershire, at 25,000ft and levelled off at 28,000ft after passing the Trent beacon near Derby. The route he had flown countless times took him across the eastern side of Manchester and over Rochdale towards another beacon



From there he was given clearance by controllers to continue up airway Alpha One over the Lake District towards the Scottish Flight Information Region so that he reached 31,000ft at Dean Cross on the Cumbrian coast. The first officer retuned the radio to wick as the jumbo jet flew over Lake Windermere and then called the Shannon control centre in Ireland to obtain

a ronting across the Atlantic. Two minutes later, at 7.03 pm, the Scottish control asked if he had contacted Shannon successfully. There was no reply. Seconds later, controllers watched in horror as the

seconds from their radar screen and then reappeared as several separate dots. The giant aircraft had been

blown into several pieces by a huge explosion. The horror struck 20 miles north-west of Carlisle when the plane was over open Scottish ATC based at Prest- country south-west of Lockerbie. But the strong

westerly winds carried the wreckage towards the town. It took four minutes to fall, at 8.000ft a minute. A large rear section of the 747 plunged into the south-

western fringe of Lockerbie, digging a crater 40ft deep and 150ft long. The gash spread from the bank beside the A 74 blip disappeared for a few trunk road, where motorists

died trapped in four cars and a van, into Sherwood Crescent, a string of bungalows. Many of them were razed to the ground. Police yesterday could not say how many of the residents had been victims of

the flaming wreckage. Mr John Scott, a pensioner who survived with his wife, Jessie, said yesterday: "I heard the plane coming and at first I thought it was a gale. Something must have hit our ceiling, and then there was fire all around us."

The next piece of the plane to hit the town landed close to a petrol station at the southern end of Main Street, causing a fireball which, some witnesses said, rose 300 ft in the air.

remnants of a shattered house Mrs Marian Peel, a motorist, said: "I pulled into the garage and was getting petrol when I heard a rumble that sounded like thunder. It just More bodies and fragments got louder and louder and louder. There was a great big

Other parts of the 747 hurtled on, over the main railway line and into Rosebank Crescent. Police said the largest concentration of bodies, perhaps as many as 60, were found here with some lying near the golf course. One woman passenger was found,

still strapped in her seat, in the

crash and a big burst of fire. Within seconds there was

debris flying all over the place.

I just left the car and ran like

roof A Prant and Whitney JT9 engine lay embedded in the

of the plane were found in the Beech Grove district on the eastern fringe of the town but the most recognizable piece of wreckage lay a further three miles east on a grassy knoll overlooking Tundergarth Parish Church .

There, the whole of the cockpit section of the plane lay on its side, the nose cone crumpled, but its name clearly visible. Members of the crew were found in the cockpit,

Mr. Jimmie Beattie, aged 40, and his wife, Mary, aged 32, who live in a cottage oo the hill, had just got their children to bed when they heard the first impact. "The sky lit up and we could see bits flying through the air with smoke streaming off them." he said.

"There was a large fireball which lit up the whole town, and we thought a chemical factory had blown up. We had time to get out of our chairs in the lounge and go to the window and we saw this large piece come through the air and land in a field about 40

yards away. "I went outside and saw a body lying in a hole in the ground. It was unrecognizable. There were three or four others near the cockpit, and a

tangle of wires everywhere.

do for them.' Half a mile away a body lay on a hillside and covered by a

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blanket. The remaining sizeable parts of the plane were found to the north, sections of rwisted metal and more victims at Halldykes and a large niece of the fuselage at Ballstock Farm,

Smaller items from inside the plane were carried further afield on the strong winds and several were found around the village of Langholme.

But the most far-flung debris was found 30 miles away in Northumberland; mail bags from the hold carried like balloons on the wind

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# Aerial view of devastation caused by the crashing plane

By Ronald Faux

the Pan Am airliner's flight scene. Each body had been path by helicopter, the aerial covered but the strengthening view giving an even more terrible perspective to the spread and devastation of the

The aircraft had crossed Firth in the Amber 2 air lane, when its flight ended with catastrophic suddenness. The north coast of the

estuary had slipped beneath the wings and with it the nuclear power station at Annan when contact was lost. Beyond the village of Middlebie, Dumfries and Galloway, the first signs of the disaster began to show, with a trail of debris spread in a broad line over the fields.

Then on the open ground of a golf course were the victims, their bodies scattered ran-

wind had torn away many of the covers. Human figures, neary of them naked, some profesquely twisted, others as if they were simply asleep.

Lockerbie had the look of a battlefield. In the town itself we could see the devastation wrought by the sudden avalauche of fuel and metal that fell on rooftops.

The crater marking the final resting place of a main section elage was a deep, Vshaped pit of ripped earth with no recognizable signs of an aircraft or the houses that 24 hours earlier stood there.

The earth from the crater spilled out across the A74 where the fire-gutted remains of vehicles marked where yet domly. Police and soldiers more people had died. The and no one spoke.

We traced the final miles of stood watch over the terrible helicopter flew back over the gelf course along another trail of death and debris, Rows of seats, cupboards torn apart. misshaped scraps of metal in all shapes and sizes, some carrying fragments of the Pan Am colours.

> hamlet, the pose section of the airliner lying on its side, the insignia, "Maid of The Seas", clearly visible - the only piece of wreckage that was

Then back to Carlisle Airport and its intense activity, with aircraft flying in specialist investigators, government officials and military personnel. We were a group of fairly hardened newsmen but the ruthless violence of the crash and the carnage it had caused across the countryside left everyone stunned. We landed

#### Terrorist groups with motives for sabotage

Continued from page 1 Organization delegation which met US diplomats in Tunis last week, that Mossad might try to discredit the PLO

by mounting terrorist attacks. British security services, which value their co-operation with Mossad, would regard any suggestion that it was ciple of world revolution responsible for the crash as preposterous, Indeed, Mos is believed to have warned of an imminent terrorist attack at about the same time as the Helsinki warning.

Terror groups have often claimed responsibility for attacks with which they had no connection. A phone call to a news agency by a man saying he represented the "Guardians of the Islamic Revolution" may have been one such.

At one stage it seemed that delegates travelling to a ceremony in New York to bring peace to Angola and Namibia, including Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Iranian Airbus in the Gulf.

Minister, might have been the target, but it became clear he had always been booked on an earlier flight.

· World revolution: Guardians of the Islamic Revolution is one of many extremist Muslim organizations which adhere fanatically to the prin-(Michael Evans and Nicholas Beeston write).

The iran/Iraq war played a big role in generating revolutionary fervour. But when the ceasefire was signed in August, the focus of world attention switched to the Palestinian cause. Nevertheless, the disparate Iranian terrorist groups loyal to Ayatollah Khomeini were determined to continue with their anti-Western campaign.

The Guardians of the Islamie Revolution said the attack on the Pan Am jumbo was in retaliation for the shooting down by the US of an

rain, heavy at times, will spread quickly south, to clear by evening. Brighter showery weather, already into Northern Ireland and western Scotland, will sweep across the rest of

Scotland and northern England by midday. Mild in the south at first. Windy in most areas with gales in the north. Outlook:

WEATHER

Unsettled, then mild.

ABROAD

### US embassy issued warning about terrorist bomb plot

Mr Norman Shanks, the head of security at Heathrow Airport, also strenuously deuled

that a warning had been received.

He said: "It may have existed but we were never told about it and I have not seen it." The International Air Transport Association, the Geneva-based organization which respresents all the airlines, said that British

to Pan Am flights in Europe. A spokesman said: "The British security services and the Department of Transport (which is responsible for security at UK airports) knew about the warnings.

security services definitely knew of the threat

Asked if more could have been done to safeguard the Pan Am flight, he replied: "How much more is enough? You are never going to be able to do the job of security to perfection." An example of the warnings that did circulate emerged yesterday when a news agency revealed that a circular dated December 13 from William C Kelly, the Moscow embassy's administrative counsellor, was posted on bulletin boards there. A copy was obtained on Thursday by The Associated

It read: "Post (the embassy) has been notified by the Federal Aviation Administra-

tion that on Dec 5, 1988, an unidentified individual tele phoned a US diplomatic facility in Europe and stated that sometime within the next two weeks there would be a bombing attempt against a Pan American sircraft flying from Frankfurt to the United

It continued: "The FAA reports that the reliability of the information cannot be police authorities have been notified and are pursuing the matter. Pan Am has also been

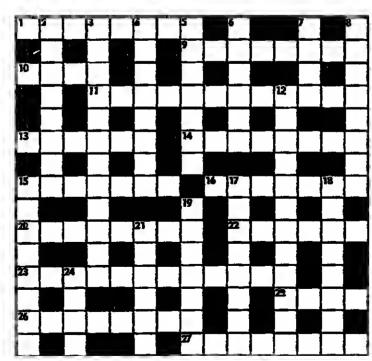
"In view of the lack of confirmation of this information, post leaves to the discretion of individual travellers any decisions on altering personal travel plans or changing to another American carrier."

Last night's Pan Am 103 flight from Frankfurt to London was delayed for more than an hour because of rigorously imposed

security checks on baggage and passengers. In Lockerbie, the difficulty facing police in confirming the fate of 17 missing villagers was that a 30ft deep crater now existed where their houses once stood. However, the 13 adults and four children are presumed dead.

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#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,860



- Fairness, possibly, of unembel-lished letter (8).
- 9 He pictured life in Pluto (8). 10 Sabbath - day in Germany that is all male (4).
- 11 Show skill on Hampshire's turns
- 13 Pursue career (6). 14 Passion shown by officer-type in such dancing? (8).
- 15 Pirouetted and minced round
- 16 One who buys a second receptacle (7).
- 20 Bowing and twirling the baton is easy of first (8).
- 22 Draughtsman gets back pay (6). 23 Greene's entertainment with in-
- 25 Common food of swallows (4).
- 26 One who knocks off a crown?

Coacise crossword, page 18

27 Close to arena, where bookies stand with arrogance? (8).

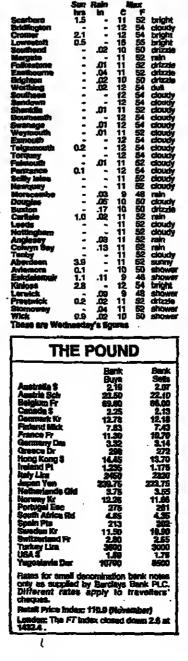
- 2 Poisonous element when I'm
- embraced by triumvir (8). 3 Take deep breath before walking
- or playing for the first time (5-7). 4 Warranted postponement of
- piano reverie arrangement (8). 5 Puck is dropped in it, show
- being cancelled (4-3). 6 A train off the rails in the capital
- 7 Mabler's third without the opening longing? (4).
- 8 Kind of screen role that turns up and lets actor down (4-4).
- 12 People out and about? (5-7). 15 Greylag? (4-4).
- 17 Gas layer about dry 80 another way (8). 18 How part of plan is shown up
- 19 Drink made from the nettle? (7).
- 21 Worker over the border in N

24 An ancient section of a diagonal (4).

#### WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the postible definitions is correct? By Philip Heward SONTAG b. A woman's cape c. A children's game CARCANET . A jewelled necklace b. A hunting net c. A fort's inner bastier PELHAM c. A type of bit ESTRAPADE h. A herse's rearing e. A mischievens adver-

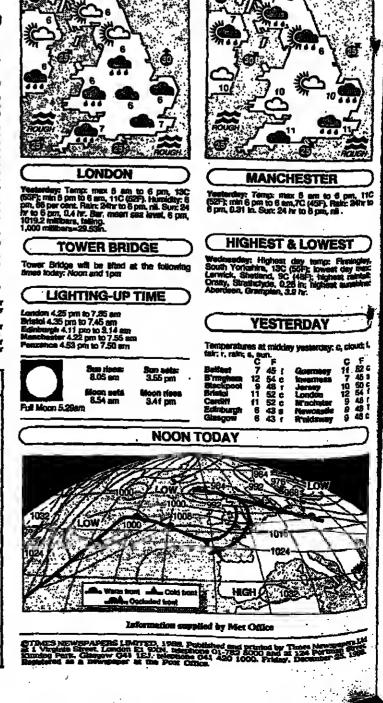
# Answers on page 18 Solution to Puzzle No 17,859 V L E C

# HIGH TIDES 5.3 7.1 8.7 5.4 9.0 2.5



Cloudy, mild start for most

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**Executive Editor David Brewerton** 

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Winners and losers. Who guided his shares to the top, and who fell to the bottom, in 1988. In *The Times* 

What do the teenage scribblers say now? They take their revenge on Chancellor Lawson, in The Times, next week.

#### **BZW** advises Edelman

Barclays de Zocte Wedd has been appointed adviser to Mr Asher Edelman, the US corporate raider, in connection with his 5.6 per cent holding in Storehouse, Sir Terence Conran's retail combine.

Mr Patrick Bourke of BZW's corporate finance de-partment said: "It is perhaps early days to say what the stake will lead to, but he believes it is one of those cases where the sum of the parts is greater than the whole." Mr Edelman has spoken to various high street names about a possible break-up bid.

#### Tootal hopes

Mr Abraham Goldberg, a former director of Tootal, has acquired a 9.2 per cent stake, raising hopes that he will bid for the company for a second Tempas, page 22

#### STOCK MARKETS

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# FRIDAY DECEMBER 23 1988 GEC in power merger with French group

eral Electric Company (GEC) is planning a partnership with France's Compagnie Generale d' Electricite in the power generation field.

The two companies have agreed in principle to com-bining their world interests in power generation equipment to launch a joint venture which will be the largest grouping of its kind in Europe. It will have sales of more than £4 billion, net assets of about £800 million and more than 85,000 employees.

A joint statement claimed: "It will be a major participant in world markets with the resources to match its inter-national competitors."

The joint venture will put together GEC's Power Systems Group and CGE's Als-thom. It means the new ven-ture will be involved oot only in equipment for power generation and electricity distribution and transmission. but also rail transport and industrial automation.

The new company's super-visory board will be composed equally of representatives of GEC and CGE. The joint plan is subject to approval from governments and regulatory consents such as from the Among GEC's product line-up Europeao Commission. are turbine generators for

Lord Weinstock's Gen- About half the sales of the new venture will be outside Britain and France, underlining the need for size in the intensely competitive world market.

Competitors in the sector are ASEA Brown Boveri, the dish-Swiss alliance, and in the United States Westing-house and General Electric.

An offer document is due to be posted today from GEC and Siemens in their £1.7 million bostile bid for Plessey. It has been delayed by the High Court hearings initiated by Plessey that earlier this week failed to block the bid. The document will be under

close scratiny to see how far it sketches in a more detailed picture of the various agree ments and collaborative arrangements proposed.

Mitsubishi and Hitachi are leading Japanese players. GEC has been talking to

Alsthom for six months on the possibilities of co-operation. Finally it was decided there was such a neat fit between the companies that a joint venture would be the best way to ensure competitiveness through

The products of the two companies are mostly similar. power stations, switchgear transformers, large diesel engines and rail propulsion units. The two operations are of a roughly similar size, GEC's workforce being about 42,000 against Alsthom's 43,000. Alsthom's annual sales of French francs 28 billion compare to the GEC division's 15 billion

One power generation mar-ket which the new venture will attack is that which is expected to develop in Britain after the privatization of electricity. It was the attrac-tions of this changing market which lay behind the merger talks which have just been broken off between Rolls-Royce, the aero engine maker, and Northern Engineering Industries.

The GEC move is bound to fuel speculation that Rolls-Royce, which had been seeking an agreed merger or takeover, may now make a hostile bid for NEL

Other British companies involved in the sectors where the new joint venture will be a leading player include FKI Babcock and Hawker

In the rail field GEC is expected to make a bid shortly for British Rail Engineering the rolling stock manufacturer which is being privatized from

### £265m proceeds to pay off acquisition debts



Maintaining an interest: Robert Maxwell, head of MCC, announcing the sale yesterday

Australian group is largest shareholder with 33.71%

# Virgin sells BSB stake to Bond

Group is selling its stake io funding in the summer.

British Satellite Broadcasting The purchase of Vi to Bond Corporation, the 11.24 per cent interest raises
Australian brewing property Bond's stake to 33.71 per cent, and media group. The move follows lengthy

speculation that Virgin, a founder member of the BSB consortium, was seeking a buyer for its stake. Virgin emphasized that continued to have confidence

in BSB and looked forward to

opportunities for a cootinuing

relationship with it in programming and other ventures. Last mooth, BSB confirmed that its original budget of £625 million would not be sufficient and that it might have to The purchase of Virgin's



raise up to £1 billion. BSB will Branson: confidence in BSB

chief executive of News Inter-

a major shareholder in Collins

for over seven years and

wishes to retain its share-

He added: "News is not interested in selling."

that Collins shareholders should question their com-pany on why Collins shares

had under-performed the FT

All Share Index by 15 per cent

this year up to the offer being

News International said

Mr Richard Bransoo's Virgin undertake another round of making it the largest share- the autumn. The first of two Virgin said it was selling its in August interest to concentrate on the BSB welcomed the Bond programme and software busi-

nesses, where it had a more direct management involvement. No price was disclosed, but Bond is thought to have paid several millioo pounds. Virgin said it sold at a profit. The BSB consortium, which initially comprised Virgin, which we intend to exercise a Anglia Television, Granada significant interoational

Group and Pearson, was aw- presence." arded a 15 year multi-channel franchise. Bond was invited to Bond is entitled to another join BSB because of its experi- two directors on the BSB ence of satellite broadcasting board. They will be Mr Alan in Australia. BSB plans to Bond, head of the Bond group, operate a three channel ser- and Mr Alan Birchmore, a vice throughout Britain from Bond director.

satellites is due to be launched

purchase, which also has the hlessing of the Independent Broadcasting Authority. Mr Peter Beckwith, Bond

managing director, said: "BSB is a very good strategic investment for the Bond group in one of our core businesses in which we intend to exercise a

Under the terms of the deal

# Trade figure fears push pound down

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound fell yesterday, dropping below \$1.80 for the first time for six weeks, as the markets grew nervous over the November trade figures, to be published today.

Sterling also fell against the mark, dropping by nearly 1.5 pfennigs to DM3.1896. The sterling iodex fell by 0.2 points to 77.3. Analysts' expectations be published today.

figures are poor, sterling will ember. The median expect-fall sharply in thio holiday atioo is for a £1.5 billioo defi-

be politically impossible. The pound fell by nearly a cent to \$1.7990, as the dollar gained ground generally. This was the first time the pound had closed below \$1.80 since shortly after Mr George Bush's November 8 presidential election victory.

e published today.

There are worries that if the rent account deficit for Nov-

markets. Immediately after cit on current account, acthe last set of trade figures, the cording to Money Market Chancellor raised base rates. Services, compared But any repeat of this, so close record £2.4 billion October to Christmas, is considered to figure. The trade deficit is expected to narrow to £2 billion. from £2.9 billion in October.

Money market interest rates do not point to an early change in base rates. The three-month interbank rate closed at 13-121518 per cent

## Maxwell sells **BPCC** in buyout

By Martin Waller

Mr Robert Maxwell has revealed the Ierms of a manage-ment buyout at BPCC, his British printing company, giving him a much-needed £265 million minimum to set off against heavy debts incurred in the acquisitions of Macmillan and Official Airlines Guide.

A purchase by the management emerged as the favourite option in the selling-off of BPCC this week, although several other bids were received.

The deal is funded by Electra Candover, the buyout specialist. The management team, led by Mr John Holloran, vice-chairman of Maxwetl Communication Corporation and chief executive of BPCC, comprises five other directors.

Mr Holloran was formerly chief executive of McCorquo-dale, the printing group ac-quired by Norton Opax after a

struggle in which Electra Candover emerged as an un-successful white knight.

BPCC claims to be the biggest printer in Britain, with a workforce of 7,300. In calendar 1987, operating profits were £36.5 million, including a £4.3 million contribution in respect of a pensions

MCC is maintaining an interest by subscribing £21,6 million for a stake of up to 24.9 per cent in BPCC. The initial consideration for the buyout will be in cash, with another £30 million possibly payable later, depending on the value of the company at a future flotation. MCC is retaining properties and other assets with a combined value of 536 3 million of £36.3 million.

BPCC says future cash flow will allow a capital spending programme of £100 millioo over the next five years, which has been agreed with the institutions funding the buyout. It is being bought from MCC substantially free of debt.

Mr Holloran came to BPCC, the prioting company Mr Maxwell has built up from scratch, after he lost the battle to keep McCorquodale independent.

BPCC says it has positive support from its customers, which include Express Newspapers. Radio Times and TV Times.

The proceeds of the sale will go to reduce the \$3.5 million (£1.9 million) of debt Mr Maxwell has incurred.

## Collins shares rise | London Shop bid on approach news

By Colin Campbell

Shares in William Collins £293 million. iumped after the publishing Mr Rupert Murdoch, the company last night announced an approach which national said: "News has been may lead to a takeover offer "at a level appreciably above" the News International offers of 640p cash for each ordinary holdings for the long term." and 535p for each non-voting

Ordinary shares rose 88p to 861p and the A shares 83p to 671p.

who made the approach, re-fused to indicate from which geographical area the approach had come and would

Collins declined to identify

not claborate on its statement. News International, which in November launched a bid for the 58.3 per cent balance it reference, education and childoes not own, stated categori- dren's books - was imcally that it will not accept any competing offer in respect of which also owns the Hatchits 4!.7 per cent voting stake.
The bid valued all of Collins at
Fontana paperbacks.

# battle surprise

expected twist yesterday when a leading firm of professional of the portfolio.

The move surprised analysts and Peel Holdings, which has launched a takeover bid worth 315p a share in cash.

Healey & Baker, a surveyor, estimated the net asset value of London Shop at the end of November at 358p a share — a little more than the market had been going for.

Mr Murdoch's bid in November for the Glasgow But in a separate letter to company - best known for its firm said that that the port-folio, if packaged in the right way, could be worth up to 10 per cent more - or 390p a share - because of its unique value. Healey & Baker ex-

The battle for control of plained: "The judicious mar-London Shop, the retail prop- ketting of selected groups of erty company, took an un- properties from within the portfolio, or alternatively the disposal of the portfolio as a valuers produced two dif-whole, would be likely to ferent estimates for the value achieve in aggregate a premium over the total sum certified in the attached valuation.

"While the above factors cannot be readily allocated to individual properties, when viewed collectively we consider you could reasonably expect to achieve in aggregate a premium over the certified value for the UK portfolio in the order of 10 per cent."

Peel, which already holds the board of London Shop, the 29.9 per cent of London Shop, said it thought the 358p valuation might not reflect the impact of recent interest rate rises. Londoo Shop shares were unchanged at 318p.

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Series of blunders costs broker £50,000

# City shaken by Phillips & Drew fine

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

Phillips & Drew Securities, the stockmarket firm owned by Union Bank of Switzerland, has been fined £50,000 by The Securities Association for breaching four different rules laid down by the regulatory body. It is the first time TSA has fined a firm since its rule-book was introduced more than a year ago.

It is also only the second time that the TSA has publicly reprimanded one of its members, and is a measure of the seriousness with which it regards P&D's transgressions. TSA is responsible for regulation the financial soundness of London's securities firms.

Other stock market firms were shaken by the severity of the punishment. One stockbroker said: "Normally, the regulators do not fine firms for their first offence. There is usually a warning first." in an extraordinary series of blunders,

P&D not only failed to file its quarterly financial report with TSA on time but also exceeded its capital limits. According to market sources, the broker was three working days late in handing in its report for the second quarter of this year, ending on July 31. The delay was due to problems with a new accounting system.

The problem was compounded when 14 mooths of expenses relating to overseas operations, which had not previously been allowed for, were included in the firm's accounts in August. This pushed P&D over its capital limits because the capital required to cover its risks exceeded its existing capital base.

The situation was remedied within hours when it came to light, with some of the firm's loan capital being converted into share capital. Under TSA rules, loan capital does not qualify as basic capital for the purposes of calculating a firm's regulatory structure are not the only ratios. However, P&D failed to inform grounds on which firms will be judged.

TSA that the conversion was taking place and fell outside the rules yet again,

The TSA said that P&D's transgressions were essentially technical in nature and did not put investors' money at risk. In cases where there is a risk of financial loss to investors, the TSA may use stronger sanctions against its members, such as suspension from trading P&D had not deliberately tried to conceal its financial position, it added.

The broker admitted its fault on all counts and co-operated fully with TSA. But the debacle will have been a serious embarrassment to Mr Peter Bennett, who joined P&D as finance director during the summer. The fine and the public reprimand is a warning to all other market operators to treat TSA rules with respect. It is a clear indication that deliberate attempts to circumvent the This advertisement is issued by Kleinwort Benson Limited, a member of The Securities Association, on behalf of Bejam Group PLC ("Bejam"). The directors of Bejam accept responsibility for the information contained herein. To the best of their knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this advertisement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to effect



BEJAM GROUP PLC

OFFER BY ICELAND FROZEN FOODS HOLOINGS pic

#### URGENT MESSAGE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Bejam shareholders are reminded that the partial cash alternative under the offer from Iceland Frozen Foods Holdings plc has now closed and is no longer available. Shareholders who wished to elect for cash should note that if their acceptances were received after 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday they will not be entitled to receive any cash consideration but only to receive their consideration in Iceland shares.

Shareholders should note that they are entitled to withdraw their acceptances. Any shareholder who would like guidance as to the procedure for withdrawal should immediately telephone Kleinwort Benson Ltd on 01-623 8000 Extension 77501 at any

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

#### Crown Industrial bid for Cundell lapses

Cundell Group, the Chehnsford, Essex, packaging company caught up in a three-way battle, says the bid for the company made by Crown Industrial Holdings has lapsed. At the closing date, there had only been acceptances by 31.1 per cent of its equity for the Crown offer, of which 24.4 per cent had been part of an irrevocable commitment,

Crown initially bid £28.8 million in cash for Candell in November, upsetting an earlier agreement between Cundell and Ferry Pickering to merge. Later, Jefferson Smurfit, the Irish paper packaging group, stepped in with a higher offer for Cundell, offering 185p a share against Crown's 160p offer and topping the 138p value of the Pickering merger. Cundell later called off the Pickering plans, and said it would recommend the offer from Smurfit.

#### Erskine buys US dealer

Erskine House is buying Edgement Sales, a Sharp copier dealer in Los Angeles with annual sales of more than \$7 million (£3.9 million). An initial payment of . \$3.4 million has been made. Further payments — up to a maximum of \$6.5 million may be made, depending on future profits.

#### Rolls stake for Japanese Isbikawajima-Harima

Heavy Industries of Japan has bought a 5 per cent stake in the RB211-524 zero engines being developed by Rolls-Royce. This follows a 4 per cent investment by Kawasaki. It is hoped that the engines will power over half of the world's airliners by the

### Cambridge sale plan

Cambridge Instruments, the scientific equipment manufact turer whose interim profits fell by 17 per cent to £2.29 million, has confirmed that it is selling its industrial division. The business, based in Penge, South London, makes timers and industrial relays and is no longer a natural fit with the rest of the company. It had a turnover of £6.4 million and operating

profit of £51,000 for the year ending March 31.

The group said yesterday that talks are in progress but if the deal is not agreed by March 31 1989, the operation will be closed. At present there are about 200 employees in the division. The shares dipped op to 42p on the news.

#### Trust lifts its dividend

Bankers' Investment Trust is paying a fourth interim divind of 0.66p, making 1.92p for the year to end-October, against 1.6p. Total income was £7.1 million (£6.06 million). Earnings per share were 2.07p (1.62p) and the. net asset value was 89.9p (79.7p). The board says it is ready for buying opportu-

#### Same again at Radiant

Radiant Metal Finishing the metal finisher and property developer, is paying an unchanged interim dividend of lp a share on operating profits of £164,000 (£110,000) for the six months ended August. Turnover rose from £643,000 to £725,000. Net earnings for the interim period were 7.82p (5.26p) a share.

### US deals for Davy

Davy Corporation is acquiring two companies in the United States for a total of \$2.95 million (£1,64 million), to be funded by the placement of one millioo Davy shares at 164p each. Davy, expanding the activities of Lloyds British Testing, its engineering services subsidiary, is buying Crane Service Corporation, and Hoist & Crane Enterprises of Houston,

Crane Services will cost \$2.5 million, of which \$1.5 million is payable immediately, and Hoist & Crane Enterprises will cost \$450,000, also payable immediately. Davy has placed 1 million of its shares to fund the deal with institutional clients. Davy shares were unchanged at 164p.

# Strategy blot on the MCC picture

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quoted vehicle. Maxwell Co- of earnings after the sale. mmunication Corporation, but his need to repay by August \$1 billion (£556 million) of debts incurred in the Macmillan and Official Airlines Guide purchases is one.

So the £265 million management buyout of BPCC, his commercial printing operaranged in haste. It represents part of the new Maxwell direction, out of "heavy" print-ing and into "light" electronic, educational and general book

Mr Maxwell's growing credibility problem in the City is reflected by the impossibility of obtaining a firm broker's profits forecast — even Alex-anders Laing & Cruickshank, his own broker, is unwilling to give a figure.

A charitable estimate would suggest pre-tax profits of £300 million in the year to end-March 1991, once all the dust has settled, the two big acquisitions have been consolidated and disposals made. This implies a miserable prospective earnings multiple of little more than five times.

This multiple is unlikely to shift upwards much, given the market's belief that any improvement could trigger another hefty rights issue.

Against this, BPCC was sold oo an exit multiple of 13 tim-

Robert Maxwell is strapped es, if the £30 million of properfor cash. Few things can be ties and £6.3 million of assets said with any certainty about retained are added back. This the affairs of his eponymous implies at least some dilution

> Mr Maxwell's decision to buy back a near-25 per cent stake in BPCC has also raised eyebrows. He is paying just £21.6 million for a quarter of the reconstructed company that could eventually be

floated at about £400 million. A further complication for tion, betrays signs of a deal ar- MCC is Mr Maxwell's decision to move his financial year-end back by three months to end-March, even though Macmillan, OAG and his own company previously shared the same January to

December accounting period.

The effect is that MCC will not have to provide full acwill not therefore show the effect of the acquisitions on the balance sheet until disposals have been made.

The shares have slumped from a high of 395p last autumn to 185p, up 3p, yesterday. Even at this low level they cannot be recommended until Mr Maxwell gives more indication of his strategy.

#### Tootal

Tootal looks set for another assault by the Australian entrepreceur Mr Abraham Goldberg, who popped op with a 9.2 per cent stake in the textiles group. Given the ferocious scrap wheo Mr Goldberg launched the previous bid via doubtful whether Mr Gold-

share price

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his textiles group Entrad, the next one could be spectacular. It is no secret that Mr Goldberg's failure to reach an accomodation with Tootal, even though he was briefly on the board, led to a distinctly cool relationship oo both sides. When Entrad eventually disposed of its holding many believed that the encounter

was far from over.

Since then Entrad has restructured its operations radically and is now an investment rather than a trading company. Intriguingly, the stake in Tootal appears to have been bought on behalf of Mr Goldberg and his family rather than through a corporation.

The eventual intentions of the boarding party remain deeply unclear. Entrad is capitalized at a mere fraction of Tootal's £315 million, and it is

berg's personal wealth exceeds that of his main vehicle. So the first line assumption is that the stock is in play and that the Australian interests are hoping to flush out a bidder.

Any bidder would have to

Tootal says that is has had oo contact of any kind with sentatives. There was no in-

Mr Goldberg or his reprevitation to talks or intimations of a possible offer. Though Tootal has been monitoring its register carefully in the light of bid speculation in the stock market, it did not even have to bother with serving Section 212 disclosure notices, Mr Goldberg simply owned up.

fight, for Tootal is in good shape after its rights issue earlier this year even though outside profit forecasts have been downgraded slightly in anticipation of weaker consumer spending.

#### oew chief executive Mr Geoffrey Maddrell, Tootal has concentrated on a simple policy. It been selling no-core bout of currency turmoil businesses, buying from the occurs. cheapest sources of supply. mostly in the Far East and beefing up its distribution and marketing effort.

Under the guidance of the

At 121p up 7p Tootal shares are not cheap on trading grounds. Holders should sit

The passing of 1988 is unlikely to be a source for much regret so far as investors in many of Britain's biggest and best managed companies are concerned. lo particular, businesses which suffer from a strong pound have been treated harshly by the stock market, ICI is a prime case.

For two years now, iCl has been losing ground relative to the market despite a reasonable performance in profit terms and a good deal of restructuring which should benefit the group mightily.

Long gone are the days when ICT's shares were regarded as a raging buy whenever its yield appraoched 6 per cent. These days, even the prospect of a 6.6 per cent ceturn in 1989 fails to stir would-be buyers.

But long-term seekers after good deal to savour at ICI. lo the short-term, the setback which appears to be discounted in the share price is unlikely to appear, unless a

A trio of leading broking teams, at Fleming, Kleinwort Benson and BZW, find little to disagree about here. Their estimates for the current year are bunched in the £1.45 billion to £1.48 billion range, compared with £1.3 billion last time. And the three are broadly together in anticipating profits of between £1.55 billion and £1.6 billion for

On this basis, the shares are changing hands oo a multiple, of about 7 times 1989 carnings with a prospective yield pushing 7 per cent. This bargain basement rating appears to take little account of ICI's preemptive moves to prepare for slower growth during the 1990s io the basic businesses of general chemicals, petrochemicals and plastics.

Meanwhile, the quality of ICI's income stream improving with a number of new drugs coming though to the market in the next few years. Fleming's pharmaceuticals team says that the outlook for this division has not looked so promising since the lauoch of Tenormin, the heart drug. This alone should help ICI to escape from a housebuilder's market rating. The stock should get up a head of steam when the peak of domestic ioterest rates is in

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# Steel fight set to continue

By Colin Narbrough

The West German steel industry is determined to continue its legal battle over £930 million of "illegal" and "excessive" aid to British Steel despite the political reverse the German mills have suffered this week concerning

The West German Steel Association of Du strongly condemned the European Economic Community decision to allow a large payment of fresh aid to Finsider-Ilva, the loss-making, state-owned Italian steelmaker. It expressed "deep disappointment" that Bonn had also decided to end its lone opposition to the latest EEC aid decision.

the largely private-sector German steel industry's campaign to force an end to subsidies in the EEC.

A statement from the West German Steel Association said the decisioo by the EEC ministers was a "clear warning signal" that aid was still a tool of the European steel industry, despite all the declarations to the opposite effect from polit-

"The credibility of European steel policy has been shattered by this to a hitherto unknown degree," the association said.

EEC internal trade ministers agreed yesterday to an aided overhaul of Italy's stateowned steel industry after British Steel and Finsider Bonn dropped its opposition no assurances.

have been the twin targets of to the plan. Dr Axel voo Plagemann, spokesman for the West German Steel Association, said the Finsider decision would no deter his organizatioo from its legal action against the European Commission over the aid paid to British Steel prior to

> The case, brought before the European Court in July, is still m its written procedure stage. but a judgement is expected next autumn, possibly before investors are due to pay the second instalment on their BS shares oo September 26.

privatization.

British Steel is confident that it will not be forced to repay any of the disputed aid. but gave a warning in its prospectus that it could give

#### Slowdown in exports for wool textiles

Wool textile exports slowed in October, the £45.9 million in shipments being a decrease of 4.2 per cent compared with the same mooth last year.

But exports by value in the first ten months of this year are still up nearly 3 per cent at £507 million, said the Bradford National Wool Textile Export Corporation, Exports are expected to set a record in value in the full year.

Exports of cloth, yarn and combed wool to EEC markets in the ten months were up 8 per cent. Cloth sales have risen 14.4 per cent in the period to £201.9 million, a 6 per cent increase in volume

### Brierley 'no longer interested in bank?

per cent holding in Bank of New Zealand, according to Mr Paul Collins, group chief exec-

government's rejection on specify when. Wednesday of all bids because they were too low. Mr Collins is reported in a newspaper article as saying the company would not make another bid. Analysts said the bank. which has assets of NZ\$17.6 billion (£6.2 billion), would

fetch the government around NZ\$1 billion.

Wellington (Reuter) - Brier- bad "given its best shot" in the ley Investments Ltd is no tender and would not relonger interested in buying the submit a bid unless conditions New Zealand government's 84 became more favourable.

The bank is one of several state assets being sold to raise funds to repay foreign debt. The government still intende The decision follows the to sell its holding but did not

Sir Ron Brierley, the BIL chairman, is also chairman of BNZ but has stepped aside because of a potential conflict of interest.

Mr Rob Campbell, the bank's acting chairman, said BNZ would prefer either an early resolution of the situatioo or a postponement of the A BIL spokesman said it sale for a definite period.

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COMMENT David Brewerton

Painting by numbers

with Healey & Baker

roperty valuation has ever been sion the worth of property valuations.

more an art than a science, but

Healey & Baker have employed

such artistic skill in their efforts on

behalf of London Shop that they may

even find their certificate auctioned at

defence cake by adding a 10 per cent premium for the portfolio as a whole,

justified by the notion that portfolios are worth more than the sum of their

London Shop has built up a portfolio of unashamedly secondary property investments with an average value of

about £1.25 million each. Healey &

Baker, from their unquestioned market

experience, believes this to be just the

area of the commercial property market

which is hottest at the moment, and that

buyers would be falling over themselves to pick up parcels. "We must alert your

board that the judicious marketing of

selected groups of properties from

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disposal of the portfolio as a whole,

would be likely to achieve in aggregate a

premium over the total sum certified in

The view throws into further confu-

the attached valuation."

best left to the auctioneers.

Christics.

# Wider inquiry powers for DTI

By Colin Narbrough

Surprise provisions in the new Companies Bill will enable the Government to launch inquiries into companies and insututions in Britain in response to demands from foreign regulators, even when no domestic case for investigation exists.

Under reciprocal arrangements, foreseen with key countries such as the United States and Japan, the British authorities will be able to request similar assistance.

Failure to comply with such investigations in Britain could mean up to six months in jail. False or misleading evidence could mean up to two years in

holding in

Royal Bank

By Richard Thomson

**Banking Correspondent** 

Banco de Santander, the Span-

ish bank, has raised its holding

in Royal Bank of Scotland by

5 per cent to 10 per cent, worth

around £100 million. The purchase makes Banco de

holder in Royal Bank.

antander the largest share-

The two banks have an

agreement which involves

cross-shareholdings and the

development of joint ventures in parts of Europe. They signed the agreement in Octo-

ber and immediately began

implementing its provisions.

build-up is faster than ex-

pected, however. The original

agreement envisaged an initial stake of about 5 per cent, including a parcel of shares bought from the Kuwait

tovestment Office. The KIO

was, until October, Royal

Bank's largest shareholder

with 14.9 per cent, although its

holding has since been re-

Mr Charles Winter, chief

executive of Royal Bank, said

he was delighted at the

progress which had been

achieved in developing the

The purchase of the latest 5

per cent appears to have been

prompted mainly by the

KIO's desire to reduce its

holding in the bank. It is left

with about a 6 per cent stake.

than £70 million in setting up

the co-operation deal, includ-

ing the purchase of a half-

share in two Banco de

Santander subsidiaries in

Europe. It will end up with a

Spanish banking group.

5 per cent holding in the

Royal Bank spent more

Banco de Santander's stake

Powers to help foreign regu-

insurance and securities sec-

Mr Francis Maude, the Corporate Affairs Minister, yesterday said the new provisions were an "important development" that would meet the regulatory demands of the future in an increasingly globalized market.

Despite existing information-swapping pacts with other countries, the Department of Trade and Industry at present bas no powers to demand information from companies in Britain, unless

requiring the information to Information-swapping arr- overseas regulator, to conduct DTI inspectors' access to of merger control.

By Rosemary Unsworth Retail Affairs

Shares in Kitty Little, the

decorative fragrance group which came to Unlisted

Securities Market last April,

fell by tOp to 83p as the

company issued a warning that profits would be lower

Mr Graham Webster, the

chairman, said the volume of

sales over Christmas had been

generally disappointing and

the apparent recovery re-

ported by some retailers this

week had not been evident at

the Stoke-on-Trent company.

its acquisition of Shardan, the

toilet bag manufacturer, and

its recent entry into the pot-

pourri market, would help to

Mr Webster said yesterday:

"It is expected that the turn-

over level for the year to January 31, 1989 will be similar to that achieved in the

previous year while costs have

been increased in anticipation

"Consequently profits for the current year will be

Kitty Little has also set up a

joint venture with Al Nyman,

which is based in America, to

be called Magnivision. This

will market non-prescription

The spectacles, which are in

effect two magnifying glasses

joined together, will retail for

They will be supplied through chemists and depart-

ment stores without prescrip-

tion when the Health and

Medicines Act, which en-

reading glasses in Britain.

of higher sales."

£12.95 a pair.

lower.

increase sales this year.

The group had hoped that

than last year.

Spanish lift Kitty Little shares slide 10p

there are domestic grounds for

regulators have recognized the ers to do so." growing need for monitoring and enforcement operations

to straddle frontiers.

Mr Maude said most firms and institutions have been ready to assist the regulators under the present system, but this would not be adequate in future."What is needed is a means of gathering information at the early stages of an investigation in order to put together a case.

The new power in the Bill is designed to meet this need. allowing the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, if asked for assistance by an

on warning of lower profits

Guinness affair in 1986 and investigations, or appoint oth-

safeguards for information interests in a listed company covered by banking confident- to 3 per cent from 5 per cent, iality, and any information and within two working days obtained is protected in the instead of three. same way as that obtained in domestic investigations.

ation, include provisions to annnouncement. ease the vetting of most takeovers, while increasing the transparency of share

lators will apply to company angements with the US played an investigation in broadly information and extending the law and futures, banking, a key role in uncovering the similar fashion to domestic purposes for which information may be disclosed.

> It also foresees a cut in the Mr Maude said there are trigger point for disclosure of

A system of "plea bargaining"is also introduced, en-Other elements of what Mr abling a bidder to discuss anti-Maude called a "necessarily competitive aspects of a miscellaneous" Bill, largely takeover plan with the Office made known ahead of public- of Fair Trading ahead of a bid

The Bill also provides for a system of legally binding undertakings to the Government as an alternative to a The Bill strengthens powers monnpolies referral, and for of investigation by improving statutory fees to cover the cost

By Maria Scott

London Life may try to appeal against the Appeal Court's

But London Life may ob tain permission to appeal hy petitinning the Lords. Its solicitors are now considering whether in do this but it is understood that this would not affect plans to hold a second extraordinary general meeting on January 27.

An appeal to the Lords could add to the already

On Wednesday, London

Loodon Life decided to hold the second meeting after the Court of Appeal had

# London Life may

ruling that the vote in favour of its plan to merge with Australian Mutual Provident

substantial costs faced by London Life over the challenge by Mr Julian Byng, a policyholder, to the validity of the meeting and vote.

In addition to costs connected with Mr Byng's action, London Life estimates that the bill for staging a second extraordinary general meeting

# fight on

another £40,000 of costs.

worldwide, is thought to be

overturned a previous docision in its favour.

#### was invalid. The mutual insurance company was refused permission to appeal to the House of Lords when the full Appeal Court judgement on its October meeting and vote was issued on Wednesday.

Life was ordered to pay Mr Byng's costs, believed to be above £100,000. The company's own costs are likely to be at least this much again. An unsuccessful appeal to the Lords might involve roughly

will be between £40,000 and £50,000.

#### bid. One firm valued at £581 million, Whether it would be classified as another at £436 million. The RICS was Impressionist or Surrealist, might be asked to discover why there was such a Healey & Baker have carried out the wide discrepancy: it never did. usual routine of property valuations, taking each property in turn and arriving at the total valuation by adding together all the parts. But, then they pop the cherry on top of London Shop's

Healey & Baker comes up with a collection of convincing reasons why the number it first thought of is not enough. The portfolio "closely matches the purchasing ambitions of a number of institutional, corporate and private investors." The portfolio contains "future opportunities through active management for refurbishment, redevelopment and special transactions including the break up of shopping parades." Neither of these valuable aspects could be incorporated under existing RICS guidelines, so the only option was to add them on at the end of the exercise.

the whole reliability of which was

undermined last year when surveyors

appeared to play "pick a number" when

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As a bid defence, putting a number to previously unquantified elements of value has to be questioned, for it essentially puts down a marker for the bidder to aim at. Hit the target, get a recommendation.

But the most telling example of the random nature of valuations comes from the anecdotal evidence of the £3.35 million sale of a property put at £1.95 million in the Healey & Baker valuation only three weeks ago.

### A most curious position

non-executive director. It is generally, although by no means universally, agreed that non-executive directors are in some way a "good thing." They bring breadth of vision to the boardroom, they bring in, for a few days a year, talent and experience which could not be afforded full time. They bring to the table the bankers' view, the City view and, perhaps, even the customers' view.

There is also a convention which says that non-executive directors represent shareholders in a way in which executive directors would find difficult. Take the recent case of the boardroom upheaval at Next, when George Davies, the chief executive, was dismissed. The non-executive directors were able to take a much more objective view than any of the executive directors and act only in what they saw as Next's best interests. Personal advancement was not an issue, as it was with the executives.

But there is another side to the question. In the recent takeover battle by Minorco for Consolidated Gold Fields, having Neil Clarke and Julian Ogilvie Thompson on the ConsGold board when they were also directors of responsibility.

ne of the most curious positions Minorco imposed impossible conflicts in a British boardroom is to be a of interest. They owed their places on the ConsGold board not so much to their personal qualities but because they represented Minorco and when a friendly shareholder becomes a bostile bidder the value of non-executives has to be questioned.

Again, in the Guinness affair it is noticeable that only selected directors have been charged, which would seem to indicate that responsibility for a company's conduct is not equally shared around the boardroom table.

The organization which campaigns for - and even recruits - non-executive directors, Pro Ned, had a number of these questions in mind when it commissioned the preparation of a unique guide for non-executives who find themselves caught up in takeovers. Most of the guide is simple commonsense, but it nevertheless serves as a timely reminder that all directors have an equal responsibility for the conduct of the companies on whose boards they sit and an equal right to be a party to the decisions made on their behalf during takeover bids.

Handing over to a "war cabinet" to run a bid campaign does not - and should not - absolve any director from

# Appeal over early water deals

allow the public sector water to test the legality under the length," he said. authorities to buy into them 1973 Water Act of purchases He said the jud before privatization.

The appeal proceedings, which can only be initiated when the courts reopen in the New Year, may delay the seramble for control of the water companies which the High Court judgement was cxpected to precipitate.

The Water Companies Association (WCA), which repre-

by Southern Water and Northumbrian Water of water company stock.

Mr Michael Swallow, the WCA director, said the water companies continue to believe that it was not right that the water authorities should have the power to buy stock in water companies.

The water companies are to sents 28 statutory water tions between statutory water appeal against the decision," appeal against the High Court companies, brought the case companies and water authori- Mr Swallow said. ruling on Wednesday that will against the water authorities ties remaining at arm's

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needs further ctarification and closing date, Lyonnaise conthat is why we intend to trolled 15 per cent of both.

#### Avdel bid battle near stalemate

The fight for Avdel, the industrial fastenings producer, incb-ed towards stalemate last night as Textron, the white knight counter-bidding ag-ainst Banner Industries, claimed 42.9 per cent share-

holders' support.

Banner, offering 88p a share, controls 43.26 per cent, putting it level with its rival, whose 92p offer is recom-mended by the Avdel board. Banner's offer, which is final, lapses nn December 30.

Textron raising its holding from 15.5 per cent to 16.3 per cent yesterday, and has received acceptance indications from nine institutions, speaking for another 26.1 per cent. Another 0.5 per cent is with the Avdel board. A formal offer document is expected from Textron today.

Half-time loss Northumbrian Fine Foods saw a £162,000 pre-tax loss in

the six months to September 30, from a £336,000 profit previously. Loss per share is 1.8p (3.2p eps). The interim payment is 0.75p. Firstland drop Firstland Oil & Gas, the

independent oil company, saw a pre-tax loss of £175,000 in the six months to end-June, against a £12,000 profit last time. There is no dividend.

No payout Pavion International lifted pre-tax profits from £193,000 to £232,000 in the six manths in end-August, but is still paying no dividend.

Offer flops Only 51.4 per cent of the shares offered by American Distributors were taken up by shareholders.

US purchase Courtaulds, the textiles to industrial products group, is buying Andus from Raychem Corporation for an initial \$15

**BP** sells

million (£8.3 million).

BP has sold part of one of its North Sea blocks adjoining the Marathon oilfields to its neighbour for an undisclosed

# Drexel to face lawsuits after guilty insider plea

From Bailey Morris, Washington

securities house, in the higgest insider trading case in Wall Street history is only the beginning for the beleaguered firm which not only faces a record \$650 million (£361.51 million) fine but also a wave of potential lawsuits.

Life after its fall from grace is going to be extremely difficult for the once brash company. Drexel must now fight to save its best talent and its biggest clients, many of whom said that they would defect if the firm pleaded

The fate of Mr Michael Milken, the Drexel broker who virtually created the contemporary market for junk bonds, is also unclear. The reclusive Mr Milken, who has an estimated net worth of \$1 billion, has vowed to fight criminal charges that prosecutors indicated would be will determine whether or filed against him. It was the US Congress launches its signficant that Mr Milken was not a part of the final Drexet

settlement, officials said. trilement, officials said. lead to a much broader en-Drexel must now prepare quiry into whether the US trading inquiry.

The guilty plea by Drexel for battles on additional securities industry should be Burnham Lambert, the US fronts. Civil charges filed allowed to continue to police against the firm by the US itself. Securities and Exchange Commission must be resolved by January to.

tt also faces months of onal exchanges and by state will require expensive tegal hy Drexel." defence programmes.

In agreeing to pay the fine and plead guilty to six charges of mail, wire and securities fraud, Drexel left many questinns unanswered after the

two-year inquiry. Yesterday, it entered new negotiations with the US Attorney's Office to determine how closely it will co-operate with the continuing govern-The outcome of these talks

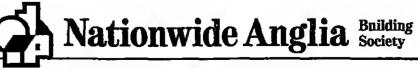
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Mr John Dingell, the chair-man of the US House Committee which oversees the industry, said yesterday that investigations by the New he would wait to act "to Ynrk Stock Exchange, regi- ascertain whether the settlement is adequate and whether securities commissions which it includes close co-operation

Much of Drexel's bargaining with the government is centered on the role of Mr Milken who wields powerful control within the closely-held investment house.

Mr Milken, has the allegiance of many of Drexel's top clients and controls 6 per cent of the firm's shares, making him the largest individual shareholder. If he leaves the ment inquiry by providing firm, taking others with him, information about its employwould follow him. But Drex-el's guilty plea is bound to hurt his defence. It could force him to negotiate a settlement with the government and co-operate with prosecuters by implicating others in the insider

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### God to Mammon and back

From one God to another is how Stephen Hargrave, aged 33, a former financial journalist is describing his latest career move. Hargrave left the emplay of the Evening Stan-dard last week, where, during the past two years, he has established a name as its stock market correspondent, and he is now, I hear, going to be working alongside Lord Stevens, as head of planning at United Newspapers, his £750 million media company which has titles ranging from The Yorkshire Post to Exchange & Mart. Hargrave's description of himself is indeed apt, since he graduated from Oxford with a first in Theology, changed his mind about becoming a vicar and went instead into fund management in the City for seven years, working for both Warburg and then Save & Prosper. "ti's a newly-created position." Hargrave tells me, and I will be looking for bolton acquisitions and areas for diversification." Hargrave, who will be reporting directly to United chairman Stevens, adds, "I've spent to years watching businesses, either as a fund manager or journalist, and now it's time to get some experience of actually doing it tor myself." He hasn't totally turned his back on the world of writing however. His first novel. Lundon London, a

comedy about a 30-year-old

is due to be published by

Barrie & Jenkins on May 25.



# Rolfein returns to P&D

While his ex-employees seem report that Rollein Kuypers, a to have formed themselves into a stylish tuncheon club (as detailed in yesterday's City Diary), Hector Sants, the new head of equities ar stockbroker Phillips & Drew, tells me that not everyone leaves it for good. Speaking as the man who himself once ran the firm's

mining company with gold production. Significant pro-

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Luxembourg (352) 660843."

Anxious to pick up a little

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Christmas shopping, I tele-

stint at Baring's in New York. "I was very sorry to see her go and am delighted that she has now decided to return," he tells me. "It seems that she New York office, he is especially delighted to be able to didn't realize how good we were until she left." sadly drew a blank. According Mine host to London's mining community the advertisement is in-An intriguing advertisement triguing if only because Luxembourg is the new home in the latest edition of the Mining Journal reads: "For base for the Minorco group, sale, in whole or in part, which is controlled by South

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#### Seat talk

If you know anyone with small children, a child's car seat could make a good Christmas present - as prices may rise next year. For, according to industry talk, Britax, which has 36 per cent of the British close, and I clear my desk of child seat market is negotial- the year's unwanted relics, the ing to buy Kangol - with 34 10-page annual report of the per cent of the same market - Cornish Mining Development per cent of the same market from Allied Signal. Since it Association for 1987 lands on would give them more than 70 my desk. Oh well! per cent of the market, it must be one for the OFT ...

# the herd The head of gilt-edged sales and trading at Merrill Lynch, nne Frank Leonard — no

hear, resigned after a Dutch girl and arguably the best European salesperson in New York, has been enticed back to P&D after a 12 month years with Phillips & Drew-becoming that firm's younges Africa's De Beers/Anglo American group, still in hot Fields. But no. "It is nothing to discuss the dispute in any to di Leonard, for one, should be

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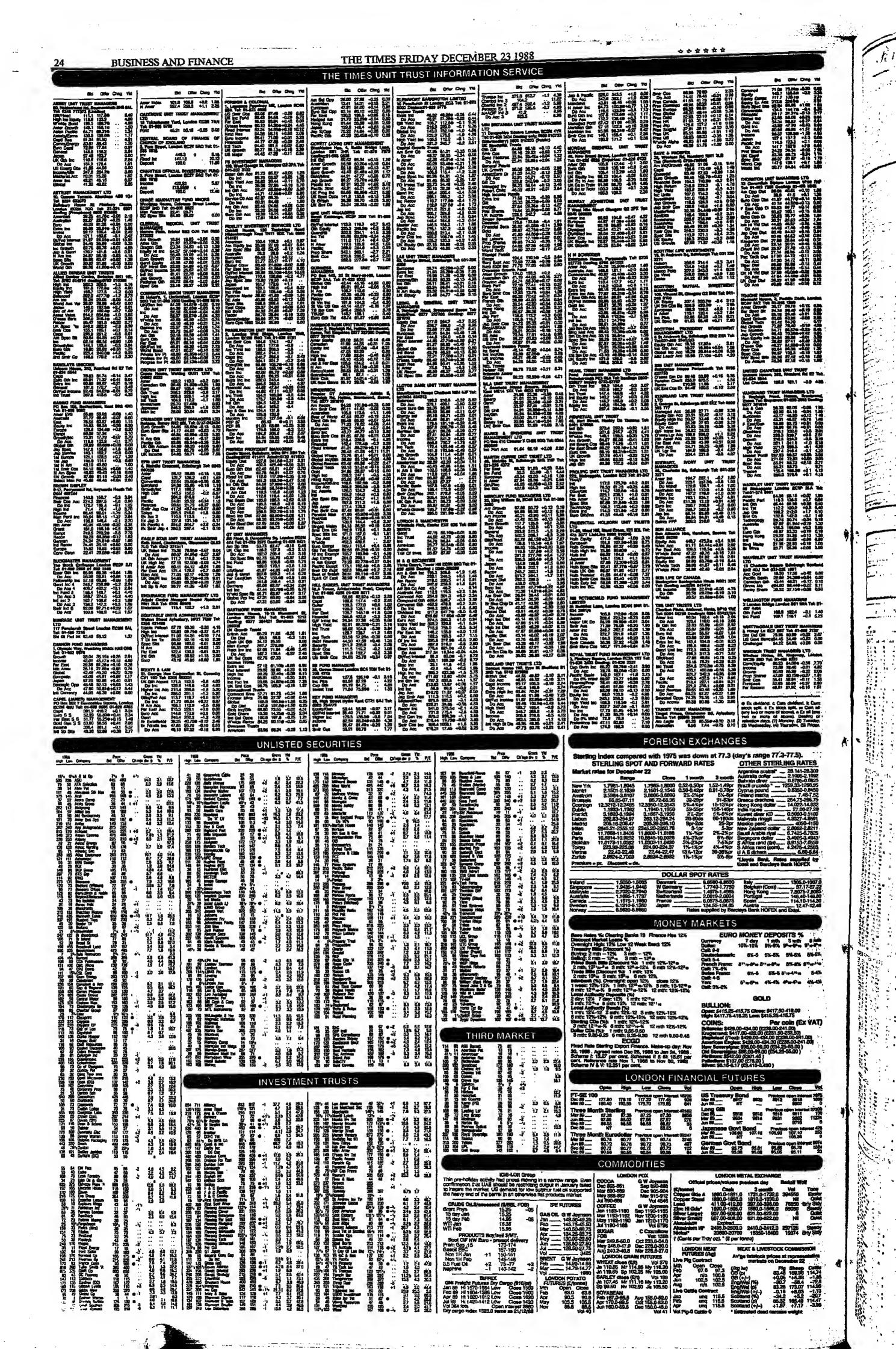
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Leonard, aged 40, was headhunted to join the giant US
securius house in the summer of 1986 and became a director of its bond division, Merrill Lynch Government Securities. Prior to that he spent more than 20 happy ever partner at the age of 26. "It has been a very amicable parting," he told me vesterday from his Surrey home. "But I was unhappy about some of the policy decisions that had been taken, involving gilt and fixed interest markets, and I asked to be released from my contract. They attempted to dissuade me at first but then agreed." Leonard, who left else," he says. "But not everyone is looking to add to their resources right now." But somehow I don't think that

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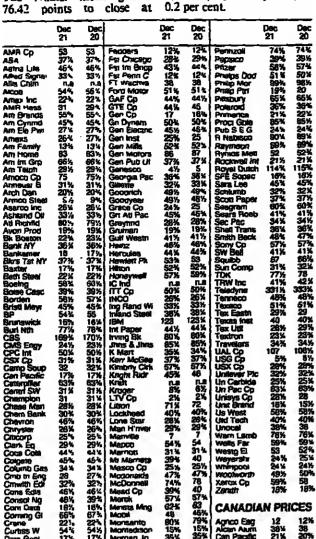
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New York (Reuter) - Shares were narrowly mixed in early trading yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up a point at 2,165.64.

• Tokyo (AP-Dow Jones) ~ The Nikkei index gained

the morning's lacklustre performance during the afternoon to end firmer.

• Frankfurt (Reuter) - The 30-share DAX index closed at 1.324.15, up 3.14 points, or



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# Unigate rises to near peak for year on £1bn bid talk

The odds on Unigate, the dairy products and transport group, becoming the first important bid target in the New Year shortened dramatically following another burst of speculative buying which pushed the shares nearer to their high for the year.

The price surged a further 18p to 333p as a further 6.1 million shares changed hands io feverish trading. This takes the gain during the past two days to 33p with about 20 per cent of the issued share capital being traded in the past week

The market is already talking of a possible bid of about 400p a share — which would value Unigate at almost £1 billion. Whispers in the market-place claim that a Danish consortium is lining up a bid.

BSN, the French food manufacturer which makes Gervais and Danone biscuits, has also been tipped as a suitor. BSN is said to be on the

Ashtead, the plant hire group, rose 5p to 250p on a buy recommendation from Barciays de Zoete Wedd. BZW has raised its precax profit forecast for the carrent year from \$4.3 million to £4.8 million and from £5.2 million to £7.5 million for next year after the acquisition of Reliant.

look-out for an acquisitioo as it prepares for 1992 and the single European market. Its name has also been linked with Sir Hector Laing's United Biscuits. Analysts point out that

Uoigate has been finding the going tough. Most of them are only looking for a marginal increase of £3 million to £97 million in pre-tax profits for the current year Brokers such as Barclays de Zoete Wedd have been urging clients to switch out of Unigate and into rival Northern Foods. Dealers have been forecast-

ing a bid in the food sector for some time - no doubt prompted by the sizeable holdings that have been acquired by foreign predators in companies such as Cadbury Schweppes, up 5p at 327p, Ranks Hovis McDougall, 1p firmer at 339p and Northeru Foods, 2p better at 291p.

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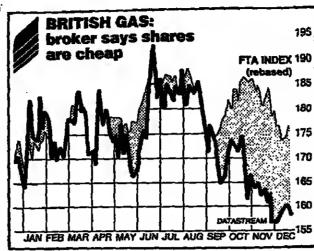
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Office had bought an extra 500,000 shares, taking its holding to 29.4 million shares, or 7.05 per cent. It is unlikely

that the KIO will ever launch a bid for Hillsdown, but its willingness to invest money in this market cheered dealers. The rest of the equity

market spent another lacklustre day. Few iovestors refurbishment group, made a proved willing to suck their quiet debut on the Unlisted necks out ahead of today's Securius Market following a trade figures after last month's abysmal performance. Turnover remained light with just 381.2 million shares traded on Seaq, the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system.

Hillsdown Holdings rose 5p to The FT-SE 100 index, having 233½p after hearing that the struggled to establish an early powerful Kuwait Investment rise of 1.7, finished 3.9 lower at 1,768.7. The narrower FT index of 30 shares also lost a lead to close 2.6 down at 1.432.4. The steadier pound saw government securities sport-

ing gains of almost £1/2 at the longer end. Sandell Group, the West Midlands office fitting and

placing by Greig, Middleton, The shares opened at their placing level of 117p before

closing at 118p. After 11 years on Gran-

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ket, the shares of Bardon, the Leicestershire quarrying and building products group, moved np to the main market. Introduced by SG Warburg, the broker, at 166p, the shares succumbed to small offerings and closed at 162p, a discount

of 4p.

British Gas reflected the quiet conditions and eased 1p to 159p. Yamaichi International (Europe), the Japanese securities house, believes the recent fall to the share price has been overdooe. British Gas is currently the cheapest rated share in the British energy sector, trading at a 30 per cent discount.

Advising clients to buy, Yamaichi says that the worsethan-expected Monopolies and Mergers Commission's findings on British Gas's pric-ing policy for contract customers (which account for 38 per cent of gas volume sold and 26 per cent of revenue) has kept the price unfairly

The market has over-reacted and iovestors have not taken account of the group's scope for dividend growth, its limited foreign exchange exposure and the fact that the company can look forward to growing demand for gas in the coming winter months.

Stores were cheered by reports of a late surge in consumer spending before Christmas Dixons, the high street electrical retailer, was also helped by suggestions that the company will figure prom-inently in New Year share tips. The price touched 128p before closing 3p better at

Lowndes Queensway, the furniture and carpet retailer headed by Mr James Gulliver. moved against the trend, falling 61/2p to a low for the year of

The Pan Am air crash in Scotland saw market-makers cut prices among the tosurance composites amid fears of substantial compensation

Shares of United Newspapers, the owner of the Daily Express and the Sunday Express, dropped 16p to 363p on news of a profits downgrading by James Capel, the broker.

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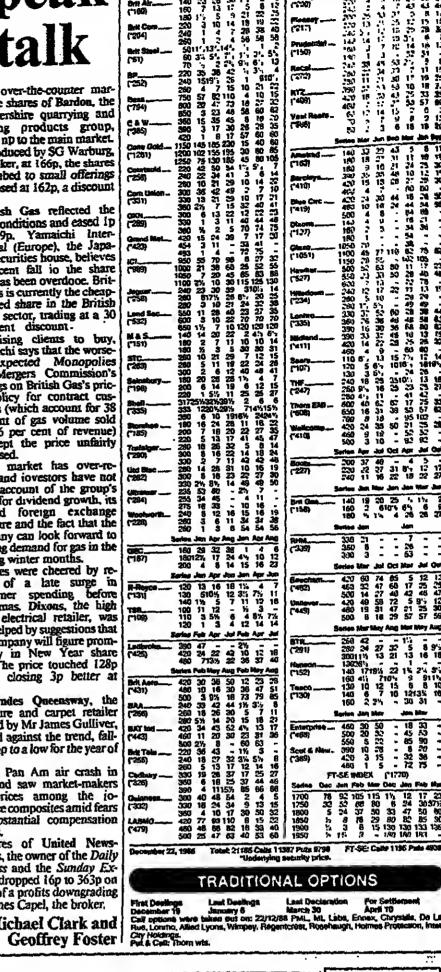
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Road deaths in Britain fell last year to their lowest level since 1954. The number of deaths, 5,125, was 5 per cent lower than to 1986. Serious injuries, totalling 64,000, were

Over the past seven years, during which traffic has increased by 28 per cent, deaths have fallen by 15 per cent, serious injuries by 19 per cent and slight injuries by

There is still concern over the rising casualty rate among cyclists, and the higher level of casualties among children aged between five and 14 than other age groups.

E Vehicle inspections carried out for a modest fee by the motoring organization always seem file a sensible way for the

aways seem like a sensitive way for the non-expert car buyer to obtain protection against dublous secondhand car dealers. Now the RAC claims that one in five of its examinations is carried out on cars just before the manufacturer's warranty expire

It appears that owners are prepared to pay at least 250 to arm themselves with expert advice before going to their dealers for the last time within the warranty period.

Hardly a good reflection of owner's faith in

Road toll

seven per cent down.

plummets

# MOTORING

# Jags rejuvenated

t could have been 1965 as the immaculate silver-coloured Jaguar bounded effortlessly up the long climb out of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, the lithe chrome Jaguar mascot glistening above the grille in the December sun, and to each side large, round headlamps set in sculptured wings evoking an era past.

There was no plastic in sight for the driver seated behind the large wood-rimmed wheel. The simple white markings of the two saucer-sized instruments were as reassuring as old brass doorknobs. The rich expanse of polished walnut facia was interrupted only by a row of black and chrome switches that clicked loudly when used.

Any Mark 2 Jaguar in such fine condition is probably worth £10,000 to £12,000, and destined to spend most of its life under a dust sheet in a garage. As an investment, the value of early E-Types has gone crazy; £30,000 is not an unrealistic price to pay for a good one, and the compact Mark 2 saloon is

likely to follow suit.

It would be unthinkable to drive 10,000 miles a year in such a car. The bony ride, heavy brakes and steering poor heater and the real fear of rust reappearing rapidly on the restored body would all be good reasons for leaving the car in the garage and driving something more sensible.

Yet for a small band of wealthy

people the thought of a Jaguar Mark 2, with its peerless styling and definitive wood and leather interior, is appealing enough to consider having it updated through the subtle application of For those who dream of owning a 'real' Jaguar,

reality could be just

around the corner, says Daniel Ward. But, sadly,

you may think that the price is over the hill

Such a concept is why the Vicarage Classic Car Company exists in the hills above Bridgnorth. Much of what the company does to the Mark 2 is anothern to purists who demand every

last awful quirk of an old car's character be left unchanged.

In reality, only three owners have bought completely original cars from Vicarage; more than 50 have opted for an undeted Med. 2. A disease. an updated Mark 2. As director Nick Goldthorp explains: "Compared with the original car there is a vast difference; the trouble is that the Mark 2 retains the image that it was perfect. It wasn't."

Hence the opportunity to have a car with an alternator instead of a dynamo; air conditioning, electric windows, power steering and a modern rack in place of a steering box characterized by its vagueness and massive five turns lock-to-lock, or a sumoof taken from a PACM. 2 agriculture of the control of the BMW 3 series parts bin.

Before such refinements can be added, the old car has to be pains-takingly rebuilt. From a dilapidated vehicle, bought in for a few hundred pounds in many cases, everything apart from the body and engine is tossed away. Some £14,000 of new parts almost everything is still available for the 29-year-old model - are needed for the cars, which take up to nine months to complete. And it takes 400 hours of toil before the once rusty, hole-ridden bodyshell - "the bottom 12in of the car falls off"- is ready for painting.

After a total of 1,800 hours the flawlessly finished car is ready for road

It must stand unique among restored cars as the Vicarage Mark 2 comes with a five-year corrosion warranty and a normal 12-month guarantee following 500 miles of initial testing and adjust-

America is, not surprisingly, the best market for these cars (£40,000-£50,000), followed by Japan. Only seven of the 24 to be built in 1989 will stay in Britain.

Driving the Mark 2 alongside today's XJ6 Soversign throws up marked contrasts, although visually the her-itage is undeniable. Despite the long bonnet above the 3.8-litre, six-cylinder engine, the older car is compact and like a Porsche 911, exactly right for sporting driving. The body feels tant, although the ride is lumpy. Road-bodding is best described as "mored in its holding is best described as "good in its

Today's XJ6 places refinement on a high altar. The standard achieved when the car was launched two years ago was good; now, in many respects, it is better. Eliminated is the discernable clattering of the all-aluminium engine



Style aucient and modern: a rejuvenated 1960's Jaguar and its sleek offspring

which now displays the smoothness and quietness you would expect of a Jaguar. Also brought up to scratch is the once coarse action of the four-speed automatic searbox; unhappily the sear lever still clunks in its plastic gate.

In 1986 the then new XJ6 was judged to be remarkable for the way road harshness and noise was suppressed from the cabin, yet the ride at low speed was inferior to its predecessor. Detailed changes, and there are more to come, have brought some improvements, though all things are a compromise. The car is less at home on winding roads, where, also, the old Jaguar bosey

of light, feel-less steering makes it difficult to appreciate the large car's excellent cornering grip and road

After the classic design of the Mark 2's cabin it is hard to admire the interior of the XJ6 which looks a distant second best with its black plastic fittings.

But as the miles of a long journey unravel, the Jaguar's comfort and soothing peace with not a squeak or rattle to be heard makes that last hour of a long day behind the wheel no

Example: Buildes for the non-expert have a nasty habit of being patronizing and so superficial that they are only of any use, and then limited, for the very simplest jobs that can never go wrong. But things never go according to plan when this rings never go according to plan when this rings never go. The RAC Car Care Handbook overcomes such criticism with both helpful text, which does not assume you have difficulty holding a screwdriver, and many excellent diagrams and photographs. The handbook, £12.95, is published by George Philip, 5A Grosvenor Street, London WIX 9BA.

III The cost of repairing a damaged Volkswagen is to come down. The company has cut the prices of body parts by an average of 25 per cent. VW says the action is a bid to cut aprailing insurance premiums.
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If The British have no greet love for automatic car washes but business appears to be burgeoning for car-valeting companies. In London, the industry is characterized by interesting company names such as the Elbow Greece Car Cleaning Company and Doorstep Car Cleaning Company and Doorstep Car Cleaning Company and Doorstep Car Cleaning Shampooing the interior and blacking shampooing the interior and blacking the tyres, the busy mother used to wading through discarded criep packets and seeing the grime of a dozen wellies in her car would hardly recognize the renovated vehicle.

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If The chances of having a car stolen from a garage are remote but many motorists avoid the daily chore of opening and closing the garage door and instead leave their carsoutside. Remotely-controlled electric garage doors would seem like a luxury for Rolls-Royce owners only, but in the United States one in five garages has an electric door. The US firm Stanley sells a complete set-up for about £300. A coded radio-controller means that the door is secure.

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# Truce declared after £60,000 roll-over tests

A truce rather than lasting peace has been declared in the furore over the safety of some fourwheel-drive, off-road vehicles when swerving at speed, writes Daniel Ward.

After a series of tests on 16 vehicles, costing £60,000, the Government has concluded that none of the existing practical tests provides a reliable indication of the susceptibility of offroad vehicles to rolling over.

Taking a pragmatic view of barely scientific tests that appear to suffer from poor repeatability, the Government has called for international agreement on establishing standards for vehicle stability. Meanwhile, it wants more information given to drivers about handling characteristics, and more sturdy roll bars fitted for passenger protection.

sumers' Association to have the Suzuki SJ 410 banned have come to nothing, as did the call for a ban in the United States by the Consumers' Union.

Behind the arguing is the disturbing fact that in Britain, at least, there is no statistical information to support the view that Suzuki's, and rival, machines are dangerous, or conversely, as safe as a Rolls-Royce.

Department of Transport figures show that 8,000 vehicles overturned in 1987, leading to injuries. However, there is no way of knowing how many offroad vehicles were involved.

It cannot be ignored that insurance companies have so far shown little or no interest in the controversy, yet they could be expected to have acted quickly



Questionable: Suzuki SJ410, subject of Consumer Association ire placing advertisements showing hill farmers and Highland vets and raised premiums sharply if these vehicles were proving a

bad risk. Many younger drivers have been attracted to the neat Suzuki because of its low insurance premiums, compared with racy GTI hatchbacks. Suzuki GB responded to the

CA onslaught in the media by

extolling the virtues of the Japanese machine. This raises two important

points. The first is that away from metalled roads the Suzuki is much like any other off-road vehicle and driver expertise is

considering safety. At a recent test day at Brocket Hall, near Stevenage, Hertforshire, a Suzuki, in the company of every other make of off-road vehicle, battered its way through sticky mud up to its axles, then scrambled down a slippery slope, so steep that the driver could not see the ground below as the vehicle went over the edge of the hill.

The important thing is that all this was accomplished at little more than 10 mph, often as slow as walking pace. Too much speed could have led to difficulties in a vehicle. The Suzuki's ride is certainly very firm when compared with certain rivals.

What causes concern is when four-wheel-drive vehicles are used predominantly on the road

junctions in cities, the likelihood of turning too sharply is inevitably increased and because the vehicle is being driven like a car, it will be driven faster and cornered more quickly than it was designed for. This is compounded by own-

ers who fit extra large tyres to enhance the vehicle's aggressive appearance. Such tyres improve grip, so raising cornering speeds and increasing the prospect of

Because Japanese off-road vehicles are becoming more powerful and sporty, it is un-likely that the roll-over controversy will fade from sight for long. For drivers, the crucial message to be understood is that a Jeep is not an orinary car and has to be driven more carefully.

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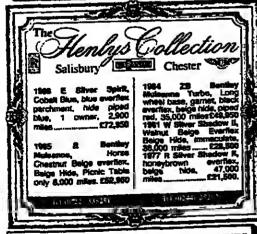
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#### **Secrets of** dressing room put on film

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

There are always times when you wish you could be a fly on the wall, to hear what is meant for the ears of others. Such II sport with enthusiasm without ever knowing the exuitation of performing at the highest level, is the preparation immediately

is the preparation immediately-before an international match.

There is n story of the England rugby coach who, in the dressing room just before the big game, stressed to his players that luck had no part to play in what they were about to do. The work they had already done obviated, he told them, the need for good fortune. Just then the president of the Rugby Football Union put his head round the door: "Good luck lads," he said — collanse of team talk.

collapse of team talk. Without intruding unduly on the more intimate moments of a sportsman's preparation, that is the fascination of England Entertains the Wallabies, an emerians the Wallabies, an RFU video which covers the six games up to and including the international with England played by Nick Farr-Jones's Apprelian towards this

Australian tourists this autumn.

Apart from being the celebration of n series of English
successes, historical because it was the first time the four divisions had been so well prepared for a major touring side, the video — directed by Don Rutherford, the RFU technical dministrator — emphasizes mique skills of David Camp the Australian wing whose abil-ity did so much to hold the tour together during the first, fraught half of the tour.

But the major focus is match day, November 5 — Will Car-ling, England's young captain, giving his talk before leaving the team hotel and highlighting not revenge for two defeats during the common by Amstralia but the summer by Australia but pride in one's bome ground, the work achieved and the ration required for what was, in the end, a marvellous

Rightly, too, the video gives onsiderable time to London's outstanding game at the start of the tour. The Australians themselves — and there is comment from both their coaches and captain - understood the importance of the style of that first game to what followed and I have little doubt that the England management themselves will want to run the film again before the five nations champ ionship next year, as a reminder of the virtues of positive play.

The RFU has also made two videos about positional skills, in conjunction with the BBC. Coaching textbooks are all very well and a few of them are ontstanding in provoking thought about the game; but there is nothing to compare with the visual presentation of skills by leading players, first in training and subsequently in training and subsequently in action, accompanied by the thoughts of international

It may not be coincidence that the reflections of Brian Moore, the Nottingham and England hooker, feature prominently in Positional Skills - Forwards and in the Australian video. Maybe the legal training helps; Moore is doubtless a formidable advocate in the controom as well as adversary on the ragby field. l Entertains the Walla bies (£11 inc p and p) from the Rugby Football Union, Twickenham; Rugby Football Union --Positional Skills, Forwards; Positional Skills, Backs (£19.99 for boxed set, £9.99 for each video), sed by BBC Video, from the RFU or any good video shop.

# State school bastions crumble

seemed that rugby in schools was set to join free school milk, the 10 times tables and a ciout round the ear as one of the unfashionable relics of the past. Yet, just six months ago, English Schools embarked on what was one of their most successful trips to the southern hemisphere with 11 victories in 12 matches, beating New Zealand Schools (15-8) and Australia Schools (13-0) in the process. So where does schoolboy rugby stand?
The crucial distinction to be

drawn is between state and public school rugby. The latter, in terms of its quality, is just about holding its own. The former is seemingly in irreversible decline.

In 1974 England Schools took 25 players to Australia -19 from state schools, six from public. The 1988 party com-prised 25 from public schools and two from the state sector (the school attended by one of the latter did not play rugby).
One of the great bastions of state rugby, Cowley School, now plays half the number of

matches throughout the school in a season (250 down to 125) than it did 10 years ago. Entries from northern schools in the Rosslyn Park Sevens have dwindled from 20 to two.

Such a fall-off affects the independent sector as well. Many of them, particularly in the North, used to play second XV games against state schools. Deprived of those fixtures, the feed into the first XV is not as strong as it once

The victure is not all sweetness and light in the southern hemisphere, however. During the early 1980s the game in New Zealand came under attack from all sorts of concerns - the anti-apartheid lobby, for example, which caused enormous divisions somewhat by the secood boys may be anywhere in the if not all, would play for the within the country over the match against Harrow to world so it is no wonder few of senior England XV," Tennick

By Gerald Davies

The mentality of the lynch mob is abroad in Wales. And the man

they are gunning for is Jonathan Davies. As always, when an easy scapegoat has to be found for a

defeat, it is the man who occupies the most princely of Welsh rugby positions, the stand-off half, who is sought for

He is always the most public

of figures, raised on a pedestal by a crowd who are only too happy, when the time comes, to knock him off with monumental

glee; only to feel hungover and sorry afterwards. Welsh rugby

history is littered with examples.

Davies has made no secret of

how much he enjoys the lime-light, which does not go down so

ports to value modesty so much.

And, as always with the baying crowd, the call for Davies's sacking — an odd word 'sacking' to use in a context of

an amateur sport — is motivated by an irrational fear of the

championship to come, as well as by the need that something

high profile should be seen to be

done. It is getting out of hand.
"I don't mind criticism,"

the gallows.

Over the last few years it has 1981 Springbok tour. There seemed that rugby in schools was also WAR - the suitably belligerent acronym of

Women Against Rugby. New Zealand mothers were hell-bent on seeing tugby outlawed on grounds of safety.
The New Zealand schools authorities were forced to take note. They responded to the lobby by passing a series of laws designed to reduce the risks inherent in the sport, the most notable being the

John Adams, coach to Palmerston North Boys High School, now on tour in Eng-land and Wales, feels his country is only just getting back into shape after the disruption of the early 1980s. Rugby in New Zealand schools in terms of its

depowering of the scrummage.

popularity was under intense ssure from sports such as football and hockey. "The World Cup triumph of 1986 by the All-Blacks put rugby back on the map, however, Adams says. "It did a massive PR job for the sport. Kids are

clamouring to play again."

Adams, though, fears that
the southern hemisphere scrummage laws - no crotch grip, no pushing more than a metre and a half, opposing scrum-half not being allowed to follow the ball round - will affect senior rugby in years to come. The French coach, Jacques Fouroux, would seem to have already sensed such a

"Our boys just do not know how to scrummage," Adams says. "In our first match of the tour against Sevenoaks they were amazed by the pressure they were put under and not 10-0. It would be a retrograde step in my opinion if we depowered it further because depowered it further because overriding problem.

"To a large extent I think we comething of a unique that it is the only game for all shapes and sizes."

constantly of that. A player knows when things go wrong

and it is up to him to correct it.

But the way a lot of people have

gone on since that game, puts it

all out of proportion so that in

the end it does not make much

It is a familiar position for him, though. This time last year there were those who felt be should not be in the Welsh team. Because he had been unavailable, it was Bleddyn Bowen who had played stand-off helf are into the American.

off half against the American Eagles and acquitted himself

who played in the champ-ionship which gave Wales the

first Triple Crown for nine years.

"It is easy for us all to forget

last season because between then and now we've been to New Zealand. We had started to

get used to winning ways. It was very satisfying. But that con-fidence was knocked out of us in

Since the French match last

season. Wales have used 35

and a share in championship.



record an 18-0 victory, despite the presence in the Harrow camp of a formidable scrummager in his time. Roger Uttley. The England coach has been in charge of rugby at Harrow for the last

are in something of a unique position here at Harrow in Palmerston had recovered that once they have left these

Davies in position to be shot at

don't need people to remind me uniquely supreme,

them carry on. It's a shame none the less," Utiley says.

Even though some clubs have set up school haison officers, Ron Tennick, assistant technical administrator to the RFU and secretary of the Schools Union, believes that the gulf between the two is the key area of weakness in the development of the sport.

"If we could keep this schools party together for five years then I'm sure that most,

says. "As it is, I think we'll be first steps of which are being

it all the way through." For the New Zealanders, the problem is almost the opposite. Counter distractions are not as prevalent and promising players are pursued by all the leading clubs. For this tour several have contributed significantly to the costs while one enterprising club donated several pairs of underpants to

lucky to see one of them make taken with New Image Rugby, a sophisticated brand of touch rugby brought over from New

the boys emblazoned with the club motto.

The future lies in extensive promotion of the game, the slowly."

There is a long way to go. As Tennick says: "Here at the RFU we are making haste slowly."

Zealand. Second, there is a crying need for more full or part-time peripatetic administrators who can go round to the schools selling the game and helping with coaching. Four such youth development officers are already in place.

# Virile Cheshire prove too hot

Cheshire 18 group's excellent pack proved far too hot for Yorkshire to handle at Sandal yesterday, where Cheshire won almost more comfortably than the scoreline of two goals, two tries and two penalties to a goal, a true and a penaltie conference. a try and a penalty, suggests. The Yorkshire pack, lethargic and indecisive, were desperately disappointing but this is not to withhold credit from Cheshire.

Vigorous, strong, well-disci-plined they did not possess a

over try. Almost immediately a Yorkshire handling error was ex-ploited. Thompson and Mycock

Cheshire's next point fol lowed a long, precise diagonal kick to the right corner flag by Clarke; Breary won the lincout for Yorkshire but spilled the ball for Woolan to pick up and dive

over. A second penalty by Thompson was followed by a try from Ellis wide out on the right. Almost every promising Yorkshire move ended in the clutches of Cheshire's pack but at last Griffiths cut loose down

Who Scored.

SCORERS: Tries: Hill, O Wolff, Conversion: Hill, Pennsity: Hill, Cheshire: Tries: Wooden (2), Meehen: Elife. Conversions: Thompson (2), Pensities: Thompson (2), Pensities: Thompson (2), YORKSHIRE: 18 GROUP: J Onkiey (Ampleforth), O Wolff (Skoottes); D Casade (Ampleforth), A Wolff (Skoottes); C Ploutemen, Joseph Rovettree, J Priestley (Welbeck, Capd, C Bellamy (Hymers), J Griffiths (Crossley Heath), P Strinst (rep R Breary, Loads 65), O Riffichel (Richmond), P Alidinson (Crossley Heath), R Midgley (Brackord GS).

CHESHIRE: 18 GROUP: C Thompson (St Amelms), R Ellis (King's Miscolesfield), B Glover (King's Miscolesfield), B Wycock (Stockport GS), B Nortin (Calday Grange): M Clarke (St Amelms), J Choke (Kingle Heath), J Choke (Kingle Heath), G Lloyd (Briestmend), J Cundick (Sale SS), O Meelson (Wirral GS), B Donison (Upton HS), T Devence (King's Macclestied), J Macclestied), C Wooden (Right Macclestied), J Reference R W Rowett (Yorkshire Soc).

#### **Americans** give up their points advantage

SWIMMING

From Steven Downes Indianapolis

If the inaugural World Cup series is to be a success it will series is to be amining seven fix-tures to follow the standard established by the first meeting in Toronto at the weekend, and to overcome the indifference to the series shown by the Ameri-

cans at United States Open in Indianapolis this week. The World Cup, an inter-national grand prix series under the auspices of FINA, the world governing body, might as well have not existed as far as the Americans were concerned.
Throughout the three-day US
Open, the presence of overseas
swimmers was regarded as incidental to the inter-collegiate

relay rivalries.

"While the US Open counts in the FINA Cup standings, the United States is not participating in the FINA Cup this year," the American governing body said.

"They've got their heads in the sand," Deryk Snelling, one of Canada's Olympic team conaches, said.

The Americans have got by for years simply because they've got so much talent. But they don't realize the rest of the world has caught and passed them. They're missing an opportunity by missing the circuit. It could become the most important competition in swim-

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important competition in swim-ming after the Olympics."

The Canadian federation will be paying for its neighbour's indifference. The Americans paid none of the travel costs of the more than 100 interna-tionals at their meeting.

Knowing that to get them to nttend its Toronto meeting it would also need to offer them the chance to swim at Indianap-olis, Swim Canada picked up all

the transport bills.

Those who took part in the first two meetings have a built-in advantage in the rest of the series because of the way the Only the best five scores count, and one must have been on another continent. With the.

on another continent. With the remaining fixtures in Europe, any newcomers will only be able to score in four meetings.

That means that Britons such as Grant Robins, Madeleine Scarborough, Joanne Deakins and, particularly, Suki Brownsdon, could all figure prominently in the World Cup final at Barnet Copthall, north London, in two months.

Yet that is only an incidental benefit for this team, which has gained valuable international experience and, in Deakins, seen the emergence of a tough, worldclass competitor.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

**FOOTBALL** 

PRIOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Glimeyon V CENTRAL, LEAGUE: First division; BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Rossendels .v

CLUS MATCHES: Aberstery v Pontypool (7.0); Coventry v Ebber Vale; Cross, Keya v Lydney (7.0); Newbridge v Bath (7.15); Crost v Waltefield; Plymouth Albon v Bridgwater and Albon (7.15); Rugby v Solihull (6.0); Swansen v Moselny (7.0).

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Law Report December 23 1988

# Casting vote can be used politically Defence cannot plead wider meaning

Regina v Bradford City Coun-Before Lord Justice Bingham, Mr Justice Leggatt and Mr

A lord mayor acting as chairexercise a casting vote in the same way as his party group. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an application for judicial re-view by Jemima Wilson against decisions of the Bradford City Council on October 25, 1988 taken by the casting vote and which included a decision to sell Park House, a home for the

Mr Robin Allen and Mr ip Engelman for the ap-ent; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Miss Genevra Caws for the

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said the applicant lived at Park House which was a home for the elderly owned and run by the council. On October 25, 1988 the council resolved to take steps towards selling Park House and a number of other

The applicant was anxious that the sale should not take place as she feared that the quality of her life would change for the worse if the home passed into private hands.

However well-founded, those fears would not of themselves have founded an application for plicant was able to point of one umusual feature of the case: the vote in favour of the resolution was carried on the casting vote: of the chairman of the council. The structure of local government in Bradford had altered on occasion over the years, but as long ago as 1922 the Conservative, Labour and Liberal parties in Bradford agreed that for a period of six years beginning in November 1922 the lord mayoralty of Bradford should be

parties in rotation. The present lord mayor was a Conservative member of the council who had already voted

elected councillor and n member of the Conservative group on the council. Upon the equality of votes being declared, he exercised his easting vote as chairman, again voting in fa-vour of the resolution.

considered appropriate.

House was carried on the lord mayor's casting vote.

The October 25 meeting was a long one. Over 100 votes were

taken, there was an equality of votes on 57 issues. On each occasion the lord mayor voted as a councillor with the Conservalive group and exercised his

if there were equality of votes, to exercise the casting vote if be so wished and in the manner he After the meeting had been in

progress for about two hours and the lord mayor had exercised his casting vote in favour of the Conservative group on a number of occasions, a councillor moved to suspend move a vote of no confidence in of the casting vote.

The director of legal services advised the lord mayor that he had been elected for the munici-Local Government Act 1972 and could not be removed from

The lord mayor did not therefore withdraw and on the motion to suspend yielding an equality of votes he exercised

The motion concerning Park

Conservative group on the She sought certiorari to quash the decisions and a declaration that the power of the lord mayor

The first and main sub-mission for the applicant was that the lord mayor in his capacity as chairman of the council was above the political

purpose of forwarding and facilitating the meeting.

that in presiding over a meeting a chairman had to act neutrally, allowing different opinions to be fully and fairly presented and

It was argued for the applicant that since the lord mayor's office exercise of the casting vote.

mission, but if the chairman was subject to a legal obligation and not simply a rule of good practice his Lordship found difficulty in tracing the source of His Lordship very much

Nor did Parliament see it fit in the 1972 Act to restrict in any way the manner of exercise of the chairman's casting vote.
The suggested analogy with The suggested analogy with and Ms Helen Carr, Bradf the position of the Speaker of Mr A. R. Sykes, Bradford.

ate testing ground is in Europe. And that, in all reality, is not the same thing at all.

Of the five Welsh selectors, only one, Rod Morgan, has had experience of all this as well as the World Cup the previous year. The other two who might have offered guidelines, Tony Gray and Derek Quinnell, coaches for the last two seasons,

apart and where it might be.

possible to regain lost ground in

time, it cannot happen

For the moment, the immedi-

were summarily discarded. Thus, with their presence there might have been some cominuity. Davies's position as captain, too, is in jeopardy, "If they continue with me as captain, I'll

already. He will learn a good deal more. Stick with a man in

be honoured. If not, then I'll respect their decision," is the way Davies puts it. But you know that he would be happier

He has learnt a good deal replacement, is a good rule of thumb. And who else is there, "I don't mind criticism,"
Davies says, nbout the game against Romania. "I know I cince has blown all reason out of didn't play well enough. But I the window. The All Blacks,

Robert Norster, who took over from Owen in New Zea-land, has played very little so far. In any case, it was suggested to him by a Welsh selector when he had had an indifferent game as vice-captain against Western Samoa that perhaps the deputy's responsibilities weighed too heavily on him. Another door

Phil Davies is another contender. But there is uncertainty as where he should play. At lock or No. 8? David Bryant, at 21 years, is a surprising nomina-tion not only on grounds of age but the doubts which exist as to his presence in the team in the first place, the back row being, as they say, a problem area.

Thorburn, were he to be given the captaincy, would no doubt raise a quizzical eyebrow since the invitations to play for Wales have not exactly landed consistently on his doormat these last two seasons.

It really does have the makings of a ring-a-ring-a-roses-and-they-all-fall-down construction of a kind with which the cricketing world grew to know back in the summer. Perhaps on their way to Spain, the Welsh selectors might drop into Lord's

#### By Michael Stevenson Yorkshire 18-Group..... 13 Cheshire 18-Group...... 26

Thompson's early penalty was followed by the departure of Stringti with a shoulder injury; thereafter Yorkshire hardly won another lineout. A break by Bingham made a try scored and converted by Hill before Woolan touched down a push-

hacked on to the line; maul followed lineout and Mechan was driven over by his seven the left and fed David Wolff,

Reference R W Rowatt (Yorkshire Soc) .

RUGBY UNION

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Sky chance 9.35-10.35 p.m.: National Footbal SNOW REPORT: Sky channel 9.28-9.53 pm.: Letest conditions at the main records in Europe. SPORT ON FRIDAY: BBC2 2-3.50 p.m.: Sporting choles: Highlights of 1968.

Court of Appeal

nor the defendant had pleaded

any such context.

The question as to the width

of the conceivably proper mean-

ing of the words used was, therefore, to be answered on the

material before the court by reference to the words.

Counsel for the defendant had

submitted that to hold that the words could not properly bear the wider meaning would be to prevent ventilation at the trial of

before the court, was that the

Foyer & Co for Cooper Sons Hartley & Williams,

the real issue, whether the

[Judgment December 21]

The advice given to him by the director of legal services before the meeting was that it was lawful for him to exercise his vote as a councillor in any way he thought fit and similarly,

office by a vote of no

his casting vote against the

The applicant challenged (i) all the decisions of the council vote on October 25 and (ii) all as chairman of the council to use his casting vote in favour of the resolutions supported by the

acting as chairman of the coun- the House of Commons was to cil to exercise a second or be treated with great caunion. casting vote in the case of an The Speaker forswore all particularly of votes had to be san allegiance on election to his exercised (a) in such a way as to ensure that the council dis-charged any legal obligation to take a decision; (b) but, when and conventions of Parliament. take a decision; (b) but, when there was no immediate obliga-tion to take a decision, so as to enable further discussion of the matter in issue and against a change in council policy; (c) completely impartially and without any partisan

The duty of the chairman was clear. He must use his powers for proper and not improper purposes; he must act not as a dictator but as a servant of the members of the body; be must use his powers bona fide for the

His Lordship did not doubt

and its functions were one and indivisible, the same impartial approach which informed his approach to presiding over meetings should inform his That was an attractive sub-

doubted if Parliament intended to hind municipal chairmen in such a way in 1835, when the ing vote was first conferred. since the spirit of party did not then burn brightly in local the rotation of the lord

The analogy to the Speaker, even if permissible, would not bear the weight Mr Allen sought

to put on it. He argued that the chairman must exercise his casting vote without regard to the merits but in the way specified in the declaration That was to say that he could not, whatever the facts or circumstances, vote according

tion of what the public inter required if they conflicted with the rules specified in the declara-tion. Indeed, he might be obliged to vote against his conscience. That was an extreme doctrine

which his Lordship would be reluctant to accept without clear While rejecting Mr Allen's argument his Lordship would not wish to encourage the view that n casting vote should be exercised lightly. But the cases in which the law could intervene

would be rare. Mr Allen's second submission was that the lord mayor acted unlawfully in exercising his casting vote as he did because he was acting in breach of the council's standing orders.

His Lordship did not think

any breach of standing orders had been established. Even if it

had been, his Lordship was not persuaded that any act done in breach of standing orders was rendered unlawful or invalid. Finally, the case failed on the third submission made by Mr Allen that the applicant had a legitimate expectation that the lord mayor would only use the casting vote in a non-partisan manner under the agreement for

Mr Justice Leggatt and Mr

Justice Roch delivered concur-

Solicitors: Ms Isabel Manley and Ms Helen Carr, Bradford;

mayoralty.

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gib-

son and Lord Justice Russell [Judgment December 8] Where the defendant had stated at an electoral meeting that £50,000 had been spent on overprinting anti-nuclear statements on school stationery, it was not open to him in his defence to an action for defamation to plead that the words should have the wider meaning that the plaintiff was irres-ponsible in squandering public money and that the overprinting was merely an example. They should have the ordinary meaning that the sum of £50,000 had been so spent, unless the context in which the words were spoken allowed the wider meaning to be

The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr David Melvin Bookbinder, the former leader of the Labour majority on Derbyshire County Council, against the dismissal by Mr Justice Caulfield, on April 26, 1988, of his application for part of the particulars of justification set out in the defence of Mr Norman Tebbit, MP, to be struck out on the grounds that the allegations contained in them disclosed no reasonable

and/or were an abuse of the process of the court. Mr Alan Newman for Mr Bookbinder, Mr Geoffrey Shaw and Mr Stephen Suttle for Mr

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that at an elec-toral meeting at Matlock Bath on May 6, 1986 the defendant had said: "The £50,000 spent on printing anti-nuclear statements on county schools stationery was a 'damn-fool' idea. I hope that Councillor David Bookbinder has also told the Russians of Derbyshire's nuclear free policy. If not it is arguable that he has lost £50,000 on this damn-fool idea on school

The plaintiff's libel action originally alleged, inter alia, a general charge of squandering and did not merely allege that the plaintiff had caused a sum of about £50,000 to be squandered

on overprinting school matters complained of might tationery.

The defendant pleaded jusnfication. If the words which he
used had the meaning which the
plaintiff alleged then the defendant would show that the charge was true and subparagraphs (1) to (6) of paragraph 6 of the defence were directed to the defence were circular to me charge of overprinting and (7) to (19) dealt with other occasions of the alleged squandering of public money by the council under the leadership of the

The plaintiff repented of his form of pleading and amended it to read that "the plaintiff had acted irresponsibly in causing large scale squandering of £50,000 . on printing statements supportive of nuclear free zones on its stationery." The plaintiff had invited the defendant to amend his defende

accordingly but the defendant had refused. Mr Justice Caulfield had dismissed the plaintiff's applicameaning was one which a jury might attach to the words used and that there was a common sting between the words used and the point of justification made by the defendant and the

ratepayers' money.

have been regarded as relevant and permissible while the plaintiff's pleading contained the alleged wider meaning.
However, it had not been argued on behalf of the defendant that the plaintiff could be prevented from amending by ason of any disadvantage to the defendant, arising from the original form of the pleading, which could not be put right by an order for costs.

reasonably be regarded as mean-ing that the plaintiff had acted irresponsibly in causing large scale squandering of public funds generally, and not only that he had squandered £50,000 of public funds. It had not been, and could not that have been and count not be, suggested that a particular charge of wrongdoing necessar-ily might be regarded by a jury in all cases as including a general charge of that sort of wrong-

The question that arose for the court, therefore, was

doing.
The question of whether a particular charge of wrongdoing carried a general charge might depend upon the context which the words appeared. It was common ground that that the meaning which the jury might properly attach to the words might be affected by the

been squandering of public money, left, right and centre, by the council under the leadership whether the words used could of the plaintiff. The clear impression which his Lordship had formed of the words used, in their context

> ordinary man would regard the defamatory charge in the words used, if there was any, as limited to the spending of the stated sums on the stated project. For that and other reasons he ould allow the appeal and direct that subparagraphs (7) to (19) of paragraph 6 of the Lord Justice Russell agreed. Solicitors: Finnis Christopher

#### Manchester, Peter Carter Ruck Judges call for reappraisal of unemployment benefit rule

Officer

A claimant for unemployment. benefit, who when he had been m full-time employment had in addition commenced employment as n youth-worker for three hours on each of two evenings per week, for which he was paid more than £3 per day, and on the termination of his full-time employment had continued that part-time employment, was employed to the full extent normal in his case and, by virtue of regulation

Whellans v Chief Adjudica-tion Officer
Worthy v Chief Adjudication

(1)(e) of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations (1983 SI No 1598), was therefore not entitled to any un-

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Jus-tice Glidewell) so held on

employment benefit.

December 7, dismissing appeals by two claimants from decisions of the Social Security Commis-sioner, Mr V. G. H. Hallett, who on August 4, 1987 had dis-missed their appeals from social security appeal tribunals. LORD JUSTICE GLIDE-

WELL (with whose comments Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice May agreed) said that this case could not be distinguished from Riley v Chief Adjudication Officer (Note) (1988) AC 746) and Chief Adjudication Officer v Brunt (1988) AC 711). The result here was mani-

festly absurd and unjust, and his Lordship agreed with what Lord Templeman, Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson had said in Brunt. a radical reappraisal of the wording of regulation 7(1)(e) was urgently

# The worrying exodus of small-time owners

n the argument over the future funding of racing, the position of the racehorse owner is often taken for granted. There is a vague under-standing that if there were no owners there would be no horses, no trainers, no jockeys, no betting and no bookmakers. But that equation has always been balanced by the comforting assumption that there never has been nor ever will be a shortage of potential

No matter that 30 per cent of owners go out of racing each year, out there somewhere are enough people with enough money pre-pared to set aside the forces of financial probability, rely on a wing and a prayer and invest in an animal that only has a 50 per cent chance of winning any prize-money at all and almost no chance of paying for its food and drink. That assumption is wrong.

Since 1982 the bottom level of prize-money in racing has been allowed to drift so low that the run-of-the-mill owner, who is not buying a horse for a fortune, is being turned over and the danger is that he will go elsewhere. Owning a racehorse is the



**RACING AND THE BOOKMAKERS** 

In the debate between

racing and the bookmakers, Sue

Abbott, president of the

Racehorse Owners' Association, makes a

plea on behalf of her

members

dream of everybody who goes to the races and because of the growth of syndicates over the last 10 years the opportunity to realize that dream has been given to many more people.

finding a very good horse are very small, but when they do find that horse and still end up losing money they start to question the basic economics of the business.

Last Flat season, for example, one of my syndicates bought a horse called Thunderflash. She cost £38,000 (including com-mission and VAT), ran eight times, won twice, was unplaced only once and brought the owners £5,516 in prize-money.

The cost of keeping her and sending her racing was £15,353. At the end of the season she was sold for £17,500 and, at the end of the season, of that syndicate of 10 owners, two were so bewildered by racing's odds that they went out of the game completely, five have cut down their involvement and three have kept it at the same level.

Training costs vary from trainer to trainer and, depending on how much they race, from horse to horse. But the average cost of racing a horse for a year, be it Mtoto or a selling plater, will be no less than £11.000.

At the current level of prizemoney, a horse has to win nine

to cover its costs, which is a virtual impossibility. The target of the Racehorse Owners' Association, which has 4,000 members, roughly half of the total number of owners in racing, is that by a set date, say 1993, three races of minimum value should cover training costs.

It takes a very good horse to win three races in a season, but at least the odds then would not be so heavily stacked against the owners. From next season, the minimum value of an added race will be £1,700 for Flat and steeplechases, £1,200 for hurdles, which means that the winner will get about £1,000. It's a start, but it's a long way short of what is needed.

t is not just the owners who face heavy odds, however. Many trainers are feeling genuine hardship because of the lack of prize-money at the bottom end of racing. Nicky Vigors, for example, did very well for us last season, winning two races. One was worth £755. Nicky's share of that would have been about £90, the stable's share £45. Neither sum was enough to keep the wolf from the door. Nicky was a very, very good

middle-of-the-road trainer, but he's had to leave rscing. He didn't feel he could put his fees up because of the fear that owners would take their horses to one of the bigger trainers and, even though he was winning races, he couldn't keep going on the prizemoney. There are plenty of others who are looking closely at their

pointed out, quite apart from prize-money, investment is badly needed in racecourse amenities, in research and in crowd control to give the public the best possible value for their money. The young, who are the racehouse owners of the future, also need to be encouraged to go racing by keeping entrance prices as low as possible. The money for that investment should come from the bookmakers, who quite simply are not paying enough for the service they are getting. The multiples, in particular, have become used to creaming off the profits without putting any back into the industry

and, with the advent of SIS, those

profits are bound to increase.

Through the Horseracing Adv-

isory Conneil, the ROA has

argued strongly for the Levy from



Sue Abbott: concerned at low minimum prize-money levels

betting to be increased to 1.25 per cent in line with the Jockey Club's

It is a figure the betting industry as a whole can afford and they should not have to ask the punter to foot the bill in the form of extra deductions on bets. That would be unforgivable. After all, when the

not the punters, were supposed to

It is in the interests of the betting industry to ensure that the lower levels of racing are kept as strong as possible; their business will suffer otherwise. But the problem is that, like others, they have assumed that there is a never-ending supply of owners.

The bookmakers like to champion the rights of the cloth-cap punter and to portray the owner as a member of the privileged clite, driving a Rolls-Royce and smoking a cigar. That is no longer the case. Certainly, there are a few very wealthy owners, but the majority of owners have mortgages, steady jobs and simply prefer to own or part-own a horse rather than buy a new car.

It is those owners, as much as the Sangsters or the Maktoums of this world, who contribute to the £10 million put into the prizemoney pool by owners in the form of entry fees. And it is they who need to be given a little more encouragement if racing is not to return to being solely a pastime for

Interview by Andrew Longmore

# Cavvies Clown joins Desert Orchid in King George line-up

David Nicholson, who sad-

dles the Gold Cup winner

George, said: "He is as well as

I would want him for the

race." Toby Balding con-firmed that Kildimo, ridden

by Jimmy Frost, will be in the

field, but Bob Tisdall, trained

by John Edwards, is at this

stage only a "probable" as he has an alternative engagement

at Wetherby.
The French-trained

Nupsala and Nord AC, ruled out of the King George by an

cois Doumen's Lamorlaye sta-

ble, have jointly been given top weight of 12st 21b in the

Odeon Cinemas Handicap

weight, but François basn't

made up his mind yet. They

schooled this morning," said

Tuesday.

TUESDAY'S BIG CHASE

CORAL WELSH NATIONAL (Listed race: handicap chase: £21,817:

ATTIVIT THE THINKER (T P & McDonegh Lid) W A Sephenson 10-11-10 (2mt)
1112-24 CAVWER CLOWN (BP) (No. J. Oliveni) O Elworth 6-11-9
6-591-1 TORSEN (G Biogrow) M Prop 8-10-4
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day in prospect.

David Elsworth yesterday de- race. Both are trained by cided to run Cavvies Clown in Oliver. the King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day in preference to the Coral Welsh National at Chepstow a day later. Ross Arnott will ride.

novice chases a mass but a fide Mrs Muck in the last," added Sherwood, who also has the ride on Barnbrook Again, trained, like Desert Orchid, by the Pleak Chase at Kempton Park on novice chases a miss but I will

Cavvies Clown now takes on stable companion Desert Orchid, whose regular rider Simon Sherwood has virtually won his battle for fitness. "Providing nothing goes dis-astrously wrong in the meantime I can't see any real problems," he said after riding work yesterday.

Sherwood, who ruptured stomach muscles in a fall at Huntingdon just over two weeks ago, schooled Stream Bridge and Prairie Oyster at his brother Oliver's Lambourn stable.

"I rode over nine hurdles and felt fine," he went on, and I still have another three days to improve. I'll be administrative error at Franschooling again tomorrow. and then the aim is to ride two or three lots on Saturday and one more on Sunday."

Sherwood plans to return Chase at Kempton on on the highly-regarded Cruis-Novices' Hurdle, which opens definitely run, even under top the programme, and then partner Fleet Commander in the Royal Garden Hotel Handicap Hurdle, which Oliver Sherwood, at whose immediately precedes the big yard the horses are lodging.

Advance official going: soft

3m 60 (19 five-day acceptors)

Stable jockey Condrat Adan travelled over with the horses "I decided to give the two and will be on board when

plans are completed. Doumen has also entered the three-year-old Loving You in the Showboat Novices' Hurdle on the same day but a final decision has still to be David Elsworth, in the Black and White Whisky Chase at Leopardstown next Wednesmade on his participation. Elsworth's decision to re-

route Cavvies Clown has effectively left the composition of the Welsh National in the hands of Arthur Stephenson. Stephenson's 1987 Gold Cup winner The Thinker has

Charter Party in the King top weight of I1st 10lb, and if be too were to come out, the weights would rise 17th, leaving Torside and Aquilifer at the head of the handicap.

### MP's Bill seeks to unify

sholish the Jockey Club and all bedies associated with the con-trol of racing and greyhaund

Meale said yesterday the aim was to establish a unified British Racing Commission to control the sports as well as the bloodstock, thoroughbred breeding and betting industries.

He said: "Everything connected with these sports at one moment is in either utter turned.

nected with these sports at the moment is in either atter turnoil or a mess because of a lack of satisfactory linkson, communication, management and understanding of their needs.

"Mach of the work of the agencies is to be admired, but we have to be houest with ourselves and admit that the British racing and breeding industries concern and breeding industries concern tens of thousands of peoples' employment, the leisure activ-ities of millions of people, billions of pounds worth of investment and multi-billion pounds worth of annual

turnover.

"We cannot allow the current situation to cominue with a small group of essentially unrepresentative individuals running the industries bady have been outgrown by the scale or need within the industries His Bill will came before the

Commons on January 24 under the 10-minute rule procedure. Toby Balding had a hand in the first three home in the 100 Years On Novices' Hurdle at Lingfield yesterday, won by The Decent Thing. Besides saddling the winner, the Fyfield trainer provided the conditional jockeys for the next two home. Institute that the provided the conditional polymers for the next two home. eys for the next two home, Just As Hopeful (Willie McFarland) and Donosti (Simon Hodgson). Results from yesterday's two meetings

Lingfield Park



Champion hurdler Celtic Shot, pictured with Peter Scudamore in the saddle, worked well yesterday but may miss Tuesday's Top Rank Christmas Hurdle unless the ground eases

## **Kempton doubt** over Celtic Shot

Champion hurdler Celtie Shot is at Ascot last Saturday. He has a doubtful runner for Tuesday's the New Year's Day Hurdle at Top Rank Christmas Hurdle Windsor on January 2 as an unless there is a significant alternative.
amount of rain. Floyd, w

Charlie Brooks, his trainer, inspected the Kempton course yesterday and was far from pleased with the condition of the

The official advance going for the first day of the two-day meeting is good but Brooks disagrees. "I've just walked the course and it is not good. Half is good but the rest is good to firm," he said. "Celtic Shot will ran only if there is rain between then and now. This will apply to most of my entries for the two-

day meeting Brooks has three intended runners on Boxing Day and four entered the following day.

Earlier in the day, Celtic Shot had worked well. "Peer Scudamore rode him and was very pleased. We also has a blood test the control of the celtic short of the c taken on Celtic Shot on Wednesday evening and the The Michael Stoute-trained Kribensis, the ante-post favour-ite for the Champion Hurdle,

has long had this race as his mid-season objective, although Mercy Rimell has still to finalize

Floyd, withdrawn from The

Ladbroke at Leopardstown next month, is a confirmed Kempton starter, but Martin Pipe's Chatam is thought more likely to wait for the Windsor race. Chatam is the new 8-t favourite with the sponsors for The Ladbroke following the surprise

defection of the previous market leader, the Owen O'Neill-trained Male Board, reportedly a bad traveller. In a market dominated by English-trained horses, David Elsworth's Chesham Squire is second best on 10-1, with Chatam's stable companion Corporal Clinger sharing n 12-t quote with Elementary, trained

 Nigel Hawke and Alan Jones were both injured at Lingfield yesterday. Hawke broke his collar-bone when Foodbroker Flyer fell in the EBF Novices' Hurdle Qualifier and Jones was concussed when Abberbranes concussed when Abbeybraney bolted on the way to the start for the Croydon Advertiser Group Handicap Chase Handicap and crashed through the rails on the

#### **Edwards** chaser to step up

Dinny Walsh will step up in class after producing an im-proved display of imaping to beat Tracys Special by six lengths in the Mac Vidi Handi-

lengths in the Mac Vidi Handicap Chase at Lingfield Park yesterday.

The promising seven-year-old will attempt to emulate stable companion Boh Tisdall by winning the £15,000 William Hill Golden Spurs Handicap Chase at Doncaster on January 28.

Venetia Williams, assistant to Ross-on-Wye trainer John Edwards, said: "Dinny Walsh's jumping has let him down in the past but he is learning all the

jamping has let him down in the past but he is learning all the time and did it well today."

A chorus of "happy birthday" rang out over the Surrey track after Violet Muddle, 100 yesterday, presented the trophy for the race staged in her bonour, the LV Moddle Centenary Novices' Chase, won by 25-1 shot Speakapemy.

Sneakapenny.

Sprightly Mrs Moddle, from Folkestone, is the mother of Ron Moddle who until recently owned the Sarrey racecourse. After handing the trophy to winning trainer Mark Wilkinson, Mrs Maddle was introduced to champion jockey Peter Scudamore.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engage-ments (dead): Smithsonia, Roedean Honey, Lysweys, Conor's Rock, Sutton Rank.

# from cavalier in the shadows As Peter Scudamore receives

No complaints

thoroughly-deserved accolades for his outstanding season, the jockey who three years ago vas tipped to challenge him for John Francome's crown continues to

rancome's crown continues to attract a surprisingly small share of the limelight.

Steve Smith Eccles has had 128 rides this season, while the champion's figure is pushing 300, and he has 23 winners to show for it including three in the last two days. Overall a last two days. Overall, a reasonable strike rate, but not a challenging one. Smith Eccles, however, makes no bones about his artitude to racing, or his admiration of Scudamore's

tremendous. It's great. His dedication is second to none. I don't work as hard as he does to get rides. I was brought up at the back end of the old school — it was frowned upon to ring up for rides when I started, and I've still got a few of those old values

in me."
Smith Eccles has been guiding horses over obstacles for 14 years now. Racing was a way of avoiding going down the pit for, despite his double-barrelled name, his father was a Derby-shire miner.

Frequently referred to as the last of the cavalier jockeys and, in one instance, "that scallywag of the turl", he has a reputation for playing just as hard as he works, and concedes that this can so against him when seeking. what I am, and I'm not going to

His most celebrated offcourse adventure occurred 48 hours before the 1986 Grand National when his car was stolen while he was asteep on the back seat. He is probably the only jockey to have had the entire contents of a dustbin thrown at him during the course of a race. And he admits to being "a rare reveiler among a breed of calorie-watching, Perrier-sip-ping, eight-hour-per-night professionals."

None of that should detract from his professional attitude to the job. He has been one of Britain's leading jump jockeys for several seasons now and, in the strict pecking order of the weighing room, still changes by the Nn 1 peg he inherited nn Francome's retirement. Scudamure is Nn 2.

After a few years of heing

After a few years of being attached to Nicky Henderson's yard, Smith Eccles decided to turn freelance this season. He and Henderson parted quite amicably at the end of last term, and he continued to ride occa-

trainer until the pair had a disagreement in October. "I rode Surf Board in the first leg of the Sport of Kings Challenge in Nashville and Nicky got annoyed that t didn't want to go over and ride in the second leg at Fair Hill. I had commitments to owners in this country. It looks now as though I won't ride for him again." However, the irrepressible Smith Eccles is never despon-

Smith Eccles is never despondent for too long. He rides for local Newmarket trainers, Sue Wilton, Mark Tompkins, Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, and his girlfriend, Di Haine, and his services are currently being sought by John Jenkins and David Murray-Smith, while Simon Sherwood and Graham Bradley are sidelined.

when you do that, the phone doesn't ring very often. But



Steve Smith Eccles: still has No 1 peg in weighing room freclancing suits me. I don't feel frustrated about having a rel-atively quiet season, although a few years ago I would have done."

Last season, when he was sidelined for six weeks with a broken arm and Henderson's yard was virtually shut down because of a virus, Smith Eccles was despondent enough to contemplate retirement. But not

"I'm not thinking about retirement and I will certainly ride next season. You reach a end of the day there is still no

substitute for experience So while Peter Scudamore goes about breaking record after record, the Old Eck, as he is known, keeps kicking. He may never be champion jockey, but he continues to add a welcome and he continued to ride occa-sionally for the Lambourn jump racing scene.

#### British jockey hurt in abandoned race chaos

From Jonathan Brande, Hong Kong

Wendyl Woods, the British jockey, was hurt and narrowly nvoided more serious injury in an unusual chapter of incidents at the Happy Valley racecourse here on Wednesday.

Woods, riding the favourite, Temple Bar, was lying fifth in a field of six when his mount came down. The last horse kicked him as it galloped over this prostrate body, leaving the favourity for the race. He said it was bad "fane-shui" (luck) to be racing the most of the race.

his prostrate body, leaving Woods with concussion and severe bruising.
The race was quickly aban-

doned but, as Woods was being loaded nn to a stretcher before being carried towards a waiting ambulance, a new danger

appeared.
One of the leading horses had run away with the apprentice jockey, C H Yip, and was coming round the track for the second time despite the red lights flashing and the hooters sounding to signal the

Yip, unable to control the nervous Fair Win, was thrown clear as the horse bolted straight for the narrow gap between the injured Woods and the ambulance.

"fang-shui" (luck) to be racing on the Chinese winter solstice festival instead of celebrating with family gatherings and offerings to the gods. "We should have been at home," he said.

Double Bill for final American trainer Jonathan

Sheppard, whose Summer Colony is leading the Sport of Kings Challenge, will be represented by Double Bill in the final of the series at Leopardstown next

Thursday.

Double Bill is one of 11 declared for the final, a 24-mile hurdle sponsored by the Smurfit

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THESELECTIONS.

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hvine, 2-1 fev); 2. Pilby (A Web), 18-1); 3.
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# Australians hope to emerge from the shadow of Ambrose

There is no Christmas present the Australian people might rather have than victory over West Indies in the third Test match starting here tomorrow, or one that would, at the moment, do more for their cricket. They may get it, of course, but no one would dare his Man of the Match awards to predict with any confidence that they will

The fact that the game is on the Melbourne ground is probably to Australia's advantage. It will be unusual if the West Indian bowlers find even the relaid pitch as much to their liking as those for the first two Tests at Brisbane and Perth. Melbourne has a way of narrowing the disparity between two sides, especially when one is more discomfited than the twice each.

other by a steep bounce. Another factor that could, ndeed would, make Australia's task more manageable is if Curtley Ambrose were unfit to play. For no apparent reason his left knee has started to play up and he is said to be a doubtful starter.

I am always rather sceptical of these tojury scares, just as Anstralia's batsmen will be. They seem very often to be laid on for the media's benefit, or to reveal physiotherapists as workers of wonders when Thursday's cripple is Friday's

By the end of last summer's series to England the member of the West Indian side England would most gladly have been rid of could well have been Ambrose - ahead of even Richards and Marshall. It is the same now.

In his last seven Test matches Ambrose has taken 36 wickets at 19 apiece: 22 at Boon made one before being lead to the five-match series.

#### **Stalwarts** against Richards

Three of Yorkshire's most famous cricketing sons are opposed to the possible signing by the county of the West Indies captain, Viv Richards. Two former England captains, Sir Leonard Hutton and Ray Hingworth, have come out streetly seeinst. have come out strongly against any break with tradition and their opinion is shared by Fred Trueman, the former England fast bowler.

Trueman said: "I think the hole situation is ridiculous. Yorkshire cricket is t This is the best cricket club in the world. I hope I never see the day when that changes."
Sir Leonard commented: "We

should stick to Yorkshire only. ody likes to win but it is much better to succeed with our own boys. I don't think our present difficulties justify pay-ing the fancy wages which overseas players have com-manded over the years."

Illingworth said: "Because of the bickering in the past, most of the current Yorkshire lads don't know what it is like to play in a team capable of winning the team capable of winning the championship. It is a special 14 at 17 apiece (at a rate of one every six overs) to the first two Tests against Australia. Just to keep his hand in, he returned five for 17 against Australia in a one-day toternational last week. He must already be wondering where to put all of

when he gets home to Antigua. Ambrose could get the ball to lift off a plum pudding -and he is becoming wickedly accurate. With Marshall not quite at his best in the last two Test matches, Ambrose has been taking more than his share of the most important wickets: he has had Border three times, Marsh and Wood

Unknown this time last year, he has come to cast an enormous shadow, even more threatening than Joel Garner's used to be, across the batsmen's path. If he really is unable to play tomorrow it is bound to cheer Australia up until Ian Bishop, Ambrose's stand-to and Derbyshire's new

signing, starts peppering them. I am afraid the comparative form of the two sides since the last Test match is fairly ressing from Australia's point of view. While the West Indian batsmen have all made runs, with Haynes and Greenidge doing so almost at will, Australia's batsmen have just had a collectively barren few days to the Sheffield Shield. In their only innings for Western Australia against South Australia, Marsh and

20 apiece against England, and caught off his glove off what saw described as "a magnificent throat ball" from Bishop. Of the last 23 Tests between

the two sides, Australia have won three and West Indies 14. Of the 16 before that, Australia won 10 and West Indies two. The transformation came when West Indies, under Clive Lloyd, saw the possibilities of an attack consisting of four fast bowlers, with a spinner tagging along as a member of the party to be used only in the event of a

roughed-up pitch. The blueprint was drawn up after West Indies toured Australia to 1975-76. West Indies went home smarting, having been flattened in more senses than one by Thomson and

World Series Cricket proved the effectiveness of the Lloyd plan, and since that ended to 1979, by when boys keen on cricket were beginning to ask for a helmet for Christmas, West Indies have a record unparallelled in cricket history.

In that time they have played 77 Test matches, winning 40 of them and suffering seven defeats - three of those (at Sydney, Madras and Faisalabad) on doctored pitches

At Melbourne in 1975-76, Lance Gibbs took his 308th Test wicket, overtaking Fred Trueman as the leading wicket-taker to Test cricket. Today it is highly unlikely that Gibbs would be to the West Indian side. Instead, Marshall is poised to claim his 300th Wood both made nought. For Queensland against Victoria, Test victim (he needs only one more) and to help take West Border made two. For Tasmania against the West Indians, Indies ioto an unassailable 3-0

## Parker stands in as Sussex coach

has agreed to take over coaching duties until the county appoints a new chief coach to succeed John Jameson. He will be responsible for overseeing the club's winter coaching pro-gramme and preparing for the

He will also play an active part in the search for and recruitment of a suitable replacement for Jameson, who takes up his new job as an MCC assistant secretary at Lord's in

The Sussex chief executive, Nigel Bett, said the club had agreed an advertising programme and that a number of applications had been received, luding one from Alan Knott, the former Kent and England

coach is tremendously im-portant and it is essential that class coach, able to help and advise players at all levels, but administrator Jameson, aged 47, was ap-

Bett said: "The post of chief we find the right man for the joh. Not only must he be a first-

pointed only 12 months ago as part of an extensive rebuilding programme at Hove. He joined Sussex after Stewart Storey was dismissed and his resignation came as a blow to the club. Mike Garnham, the forme Leicestershire wicketkeeper, has signed for Essex. He gets the chance to revive his first-class career after spending the last couple of seasons playing Minor Counties cricket for Cambridgeshire.

The promising Worcestershire batsman. David Leatherdale, has returned home from a winter engagement to South Africa for treatment on a knee injury. The Yorkshireman has had a minor recurrence of a problem which put him in hospital only a few days before he played in the NatWest Trophy final last season.

Mike Jones, Worcestershire's cricket committee chairman, said: "It looked like a flare-up of that injury and he came back as a precaution. Ian Botham is doing well in his recovery from back surgery seven months ago. He has lost some weight and vill be getting down to work in January," Jones said.

**YACHTING** 

#### **Merit finishes** 200 miles ahead of rivals

By Barry Pickthall

Merit, the Swiss Whitbread maxi skippered by Pierre Fehlmann, was first of the monobulls to reach the Dominican Republic at the end of the Route of Discovery Trans-

The 80-foot Bruce Fart design completed the 3,800-mile course from Cadiz in 16 days, 21 hours, 23 minutes, finishing more than 200 miles ahead of its closest

terday was the Spanish Whitbread entry, Fortuna, followed in close order by Belmont Finland, Hispania, Gatorade and Union Bank of Finland.

Britain's all girl crew, led by Tracy Edwards, aboard Maide from the finish yesterday, but tying third on handicap.



 Jo Richards, the Flying Dutchman bronze medal winwill meet today to finalize

Oxbridge addition Oxford and Cambridge have added American Football to their list of annual University matches. The first same will be played on March 4 next year. Officials are hoping the perticipants will qualify for Blues after the first five encounters.

Crew will rely on their wits against state-of-the-art yachts



A 32,000-mile adventure of a lifetime

At noon today Tower Bridge is raised in salute to a band of happy adventurers who have pledged their souls to compete in next year's Whitbread Round The World Yacht Race. While rival cigarette and drink brands follow a philos-ophy of win at all costs for their

ophy of win at all costs for their state-of-the-art yachts, Tony Allen and John Chittenden will be relying primarily on their wits and newly-found boat-building skills when this 32,000-mile classic gets under way from Southampton in September.

Eight mouths ago, the two exchanged careers with the Royal Yachting Association for an 80-foot maxi with a life history as chequered as thems is likely to become. The former CHE Childrens the heat that timely to become the former FVF Challenger, the boat that took Les Williams round the world in this same race seven years ago, suffering a dismast-ing on route and a writ taped to mast after its return.



Fautastic support: an apprentice from Reckitt and Colman works on a plate for the boat

After much haggling and the elp of a friendly bank manager in York, the pair finally bought the boat for little more than half the £100,000 asking price. They then set about to rebuild

her with the help of YTS apprentices and local industry in their adopted port of Hull.

"The people and city of Hull have provided famissic support," Allen enthused, before certified out on thair mainten setting out on their unsiden

setting out on their insides voyage bound for the Pool of London under their new name of Creightons Naturally.

In the eight months it has taken in replace the deck and refit the hull, a team of appendices from Reckitr and Colman, which also provided full engineering facilities, have added with pride their initials to every plate and fitting they have put into the boat. into the boat. Hull City Council, owners of the newly-built marine, and now part sponsors of this dream, also

She has been left to rot ever

hiring n crane at £1,000 a day, or slipping a JCB driver to dig a 10-foot hole in the marina car park. We chose the hole," This adventure has since at-tracted five other recruits. Maicolm McEwan, aged 47, an interior designer from Reignte, has sold up and joined the ship in search of a fresh start in life, as has Bob Henderson, a plumber from Cornwall, and Tony Phillips, aged 32, an exarmy man whose brief taste of the insurance world set him on a

turned a blind eye when it came to cost savings. "When it came to fitting the rudder," Allen recalls, "It was either a choice of

the historian world set him the life at sea.

They have joined two young men, Martin Moody, a member of the South Coast boat-indiding dynasty, and his friend, Simon Miles, who have been with Allen and Chittenden since the outset. All are paying £12,000 to-wards the voyage with the strong wards the voyage with the strong aim of winning the craising category. They have room on board for seven more and are looking for likely recruits during their stay in St Katherine's Dock during January.

What they promise is a very different race to the multimillion pound maxis like Lawrie Smith's Rothmans or the joint services entry, both due for

services entry, both due for launching in the new year. Their race will be one of mend

and make dn against the likes of Chay Blythe and a like-minded crew aboard Great Britain II, now under the command of Andrew Corkhill, and named With Integrity. Only those with a keen sense of adventure and —

### SKIING: AUSTRIANS RECLAIM DOWNHILL SUPREMACY ON FAMOUS COURSE

# Daring finish gives Hoeflehner victory

Austria It was only fitting that confirma-

tion of Austria's resurgence in the discipline they covert most should occur here in the spiritual home of competitive Alpine skiing. Helmut Hoeflehner yesterday

conquered one of the most famous and demanding courses on the World Cup circuit to win his second consecutive downhill race, and become the 35th winner of the legendary Ariberg-Kandahar race.

In the most exciting contest of the season, only 0.01 seconds separated Hoeflehner from Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzer-land. Austrian joy was un-eonfined when the 1980

Hoeflehner, fastest to the morning practice run, lost time on the middle part of the spectacular, 3,210-metre course but threw caution to the wind on the bottom half to come through to record the seventh downhill

On a glorious, sunnny day, there was, however, another winner: Zurbriggen, who fin-ished third in Wednesday's slalom, recieved the best possible Christmas present by winning the combination event.

He did, in fact, emerge with a handsome total of 60 points and leads Marc Girardelli, of Luxemburg, who was fourth yesterday, by 122 to 92 in the. overall standings.

This was reflected by his

Olympic champion, Leonard boyish smile which was evident hill standings, and the Austrians stock, finished third. 2min 02.04sec eclipsed by the finest of margins. "It's like a finest of margins. "It's like a victory," he said. "I had a super race and you cannot complain when you lose by such a small

But, on a twisting, turning course which stood up to the two runs better than had been expected, it required raw courage and a lion's heart to take the top place on the podium.

"I made too many mistakes on the first part," Hoellehner said. "So, I had to take more risks on the latter part. I didn't know I was so fast. There were some holes on the early turns. They took away more snow than as necessary."

Hoefichner heads the down-

fervently hope that their two recent victories do not herald

RESULTS: 1, H Hoefiehner (Austria), 2min Oz.03sec; 2, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 2:02.04; 3, L Srock (Austria), 2:03.14; 4, M Girardelli (Lud, 2:03.22; 5, M Mair (II), 2:03.52; 6, P Wirnsberger (Austria), 2:03.55; 7, M Wassmeler (WG), 2:03.52; 8, W Besse (Switz), 2:03.82; 9, F Heinzer (Switz), 2:03.67; 10, A Skzardel (Nor), 2:03.76; 11, G Medier (Austria), 2:03.87; 12, G Pientenida (II), 2:03.90; 13, O Methrer (Switz), 2:03.91; 14, L-B Eriksson (Swe), 2:03.95; 5, H Tsuscher (WG), 2:04.23, Combined: 1, Zurbriggen; 2, Wassmeler; 3, H Strotz (Austria); 4, P Accola (Switz); 5, H Strotz (Austria); 4, P Accola (Switz); 5, Hoefielner, 62; 3, A Bither (WG), 69; 4, Hoefielner, 62; 5, A Tomba (II), 52; 6, Strotz, St. Downhilli Cup positions: 1, Hoefielner, 54; 2, P Mueller, 40; 3, Zurbriggen, 32; 4, P Ortibe (Austria), 31; 5, A Assinger (Austria), 21; equal 6, L. Stock (Austria), W Besse (Switz) and Meir (II), 20.

RUGBY LEAGUE

#### Fines put gag on outspoken coaches

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By Keith Macklin

At first glance, the new punishment for coaches who speak ill of match officials seems severe, dictatorial and bordering on the undemocratic, since the penalty is instant and allows no defense. er in many respects, the more outspoken of coaches have det-onated a time bonth they have been assembling for themselves

over the past few seasons.

Coaches who regard themselves as honest, frank and feurful of nobody, have sounded off so frequently and in such on so frequently and in such brutal terms that many senior referees have lost their appetite for the game and others have called for greater protection. The men in the middle are used to being barracked and britted by grounds and record share used to being barracked and baited by crowds and regard this as being par for the course, but they find the abuse from conehes humiliating and

demoralizing.
The leading coaches tend to be the most verbal, and the likes of Alex Murphy. Kevin Asheroft and Tony Barrow will now have to keep their mouths securely fastened after matches, instead of directing instant criticism

of directing instant criticism against referees and touch judges into the nearest microphone or notchank.

As a Rugby League official put it when announcing the new mandatory fines of £250 for a first offence and £500 for a second. "By-Law 24, like other laws of the game, is there to be obesed and this particular byobeyed, and this particular by-law prohibits public criticism of referees and touch judges.
It has seemed that more and

more coaches, more and more often, are verbally attacking officials, particularly when they have lost, and the board of directors have decided that

enough is enough.

David Osley, the chief executive, said: "If coaches and club utive, said: "If coaches and club officials want to criticize referees, they should go through the proper channels. We have recently appointed a controller of referees, Fred Lindop, and all complaints should be channelled to him without these afterwards highest of offer unafter-match hiasts of often un-

The League itself has taken steps to ensure a rise in refereeing standards by the appoint-ment of Lindop and by the introduction of a more precise grading system in which a top 10 cague table of referees is frequently revised by match

Lindop was a hard-line referred who was as ruthless in his attilude to refereeing standards as he was to players' infringe-ments and his fair, but disci-plined, attitude has been carried over into his new responsibil-

Thus, the likes of Murphy, Barrow and Asheroft and other charismatic coaches with a reputation for after-match comments are going to have their self-control tested to the full. • The Hull v Castleford first

round Silk Cut Challenge Cup played on Saturday, January 28 with a 2.15 pm kick-off. • The Students World Cup. to

be held in Britain next year, will be supported by the Rugby League, which has sanctioned a grant of £10,000 towards its running costs. The League is also funding the appointment, Bev Risman, the former Great

Britain international. New Zealand will defend the trophy and other teams taking part are Australia, France, England, Scotland and Wales. The United States and Papua New Guinea have also been invited tn compete. The Tournament will be held in the north of England during the first two

SPORTS BOOKS: WITTY RECORD OF A COUNTY SUMMER AND CONQUERING THE INTERNATIONAL TOUR

#### Agnew breaks the mould Crieket books have been so

plentiful, these past few years, that it is asking a lot for any publisher or author to come up with something appealingly dif-ferent. Just once in a while the mould is broken and, this winter, Jonathan Agnew has managed it with Eight Days A

When Agnew had the idea of publishing his personal diary of the 1988 season, he was under the impression that it would be his last. A new career in broadcasting beckoned. Although he has since been tempted in stay in the game, his ehange of heart did nothing to detract from the intimate nature of his book.

The diary concept is not new. Ten years ago, Boh Willis charted his day by day experiences with Warwickshire and England. Others have followed. Where Agnew's book scores, in this of all years, is that it happens to be written by the player most sinned against by the England selectors. This is not the tired old story of "being

Our correspondents' reviews of the best sports books of the year continue with Alan Lee on cricket, Mitchell Platts on golf and Nicolas Soames on

frank emotion of a man who has been inexplicably denied the

his failure to convince the selectors he is worth a place. For the record, his lively swing bowling claimed 10t first class wickets in 1987 and another 93 this year. It was not considered enough to warrant a single Test match. There is no shortage of soul-

searching here. There is also the odd streak of spontaneous acrimony but Agnew stops short of self-pity as he faithfully records his thoughts and actions through another successful yet Aside from his personal cri-

in the Lord's Test". It is the

Agnewends his book virtually as he started it, bewildered by

erently witty, especially on the subject of his great friend Les Taylor and sometimes incisively critical, as on the behavioural trends of Phillip DeFreitas, Agnew has a com-passionate style for his writing, allied to an ability to make the reader feel closely involved with his connly's forumes.

If Agnew was a current England player, the book would probably sell extremely well. That he is not is to the good of the product if not the profit. In a year which has seen the first few of an anticipated flood of county cluh histories, not to mentinn the usual pile of ghosted autobiographies and players' potboilers, I much enoved Imran Khan's self-written All Round View and Pat Mur-phy's lucid attempt to set the ord straight on a legend in

· Eight Days A Week by Jona-Light Days A Week by Jona-than Agnew (Ringpress, £12.95); All Round View by Imran Khan (Chatto and Windus, £12.95]; Botham by Pat Murphy (Dent,

### Simplifying the mechanics of golf It hardly requires Severiano Ballesteros to remind the proverbial hacker that golf is "a

very mysterious and puzzling game, causing much frustration game, causing much frustration for all who play it at every level."
Yet, in so doing, Natural Golf, with John Andrisani, the Spaniard, widely recognized as the best player in the world today, sets out his game plan to simplify the mechanics of golf.
Ballesteros admits: "I'm con-Ballesteros admits: "I'm con-stantly called a 'natural', as if I was born with a golf club in my hand and a scratch handicap swing. That's not true. I wasn't innately blessed with the skill in smash a tee shot three hundred yards, the talent to hit an iron shot suff to the flag stick or the knack to knock a monster putt in the hole. No one is. The only his or her golfing goals is to build a simple, repeatable swing based on sound fundamentals. After that, golf is mostly about practice, practice, practice, practice." You must pay your money and take your choice when it

attention. An instructional theme is Majors by Jack Nicklaus with heart-breaking moment in his

illustrated book is worthy of

holes to play. I figure a 3-4-4 finish and I'm only one step nway from a life-long

runner-up, and from that he learned an important lesson. "What caused it was living in the past instead of the here and now," he says. "I was either not smart enough or too stubborn to see that it called for a different strategy. I backed myself into a

in the formative years of his career, Greg Norman read two books written by Nicklaus to books written by Nicklaus to assist his own education as a golfer. In Shark Attack by Greg Norman with George Peper, Nicklaus, in a foreword, pays the Australian this tribute. There are certain things that no one could ever teach Greg Norman — his eourage, his charisma, his determination and his unparalleled belief in

Norman rips his way through this book with the same passion and power with which he hits n

golf an opportunity to impart on the reader the knowledge he has gleaned from more than 30 years in the game.

On a lighter note, Hole in Fun, edited by Peter Haining, is a collection of humarous stories

Bowden (Stanley Paul, £1295); Shark Attack by Greg Norman with George Peper (Macmillan, £14.95); Golf — How to Improve Your Game by Tommy Horton with Neil Elsey (The Crowood Press, £8.95); Hole in Fun, edited by Peter Haining (W H Allen and Co., £8.95).

SNOW REPORTS Conditions Runs to sta O/Pista resort 10 110 good powder poor good suriny skiing, no quauk Kitzbühel 30 160 Best early snow for years Maymolen 20 110 Good skiing on and off piste 60 290 Excellent powder skling ladming 10 155 Chamonix 75 200 good varied closed Good on and off piste skling in all areas

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50 120 good varied Excellent snow, most lifts open throughout les trois vallé Cervinia 30 180 fair Some good skiing on high, shelter SWITZERLAND 60 130 nt skiing in all areas 60 130 good perb skiing, ali pis rbler 20 170 good Excellent piste skiing above 2,000m good In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial. Information supplied by the Swiss. National Tourist Office. SCOTLAND

Caimgorm, Giencue, Gienabee and the Lecht: There is still not enough snow for sking. Forecast for today: Över Caimgorm, Gienahee and the Lecht it will be a very windy day with gale torce westerly winds reaching storm force over higher slopes; occasional showers, some of which may be heavy, falling as steet or snow above 2,500ft; the freazing level will be around 3,000ft but lowering to 2 600ft. Information supplied by the Italian Tourist Office. n any heavy showers; very similar conditions over Glencoe but the showers conditions over Glencoe but the showers will be much more frequent, many of them heavy, falling as sleet or snow above 2.000ft; gale tonce westerly winds, reaching storm force over higher slopes; the freezing level will be 3.000ft, but lowering to 2.000ft in the heavier showers. Outlook for bysocrew: Showers will become less frequent, sepacially in the east where some sumry periods will develop; gale force wands slowly abating; outlook for Christmas day will be generally cloudy with outbreaks of rain, heavy at times; mild, but with strong to gale force southerly winds. SWITZERLAND

ner at the 1983 Olympic Games who worked with the design team to produce Blue Arrow's ill-fated America's Cup chal-lenger this summer, has emerged as the front runner to join Lawrie Smith in skippering the two 75-foot challengers now planned by Peter de Savary's team to represent the Royal Thames and Pendennis yacht clobs.Richards and de Savary

lucky enough to take six wickets Getting to grips with Sumo

this Christmas will be Lyall Watson's account of Sumo and its success will be well deserved. Although a cynie may des-cribe someone like Konishki, who weighs 225 kilograms, as the thinking man's Giant Haystacks, Watson persuasively explains the ceremony that raises this extraordinary form of combat into the realms of myth there is more magic here than to

any movie. The description of the training and the lives of these massive men is every bit as absorbing as the account of the techniques. As the wrestlers grapple, the overwhelming smell is one of camelia, from the scent of the oil in their hair. One of the outstanding results of the year was the retention of the fourth consecutive time by Britain, led again by Vic

Skills of the Game is a useful but inexpensive exposition of sports Visually more impressive,

however, is Karate — The Pursuit of Excellence by Jeoff Thompson, the former world champion, who demonstrates the main scoring techniques with Pat McKay, who was also world champion and Janice Arwice Judo has also been well served with books during the year. Neil Adams is turning out to be n prolific author, but his latest

olume, The Neil Adams Guide to Better Judo is his best so far. He looks at the sport through the main competition throws of leading figures - Yasubiro Yamashita, Angelo Parisi, Karen Briggs, Ingrid Berghmans and himself - and in the process breaks away from standard teaching ideas.
Roy Inman, who has trained

teresting overview of the state of using photos taken from inter-nationals over the last 10 years, including many of the latest technical developments in men's and women's judo.

The most accomplished general book this year is Martial Arts — A Complete Illustrated History by Michael Finn, whose coverage of both the strategies and philosophies is admirable and philosophies is admirable

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(Sidgwick and Jackson £7.95);
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way a person can possibly reac comes to golf instructional ma-terial, but I believe this superbly

cleverly dove-tailed into My Most Memorable Shots in the Ken Bowden. Nicklaus reveals that the most

illustrious career came at the Open at Muirfield to 1972. That championship is, per-haps, best remembered for the audacious chip which Lee Trevino holed at the 17th to virtually steal the title from Tony Jacklin. Yet, it should not be forgotten that Nicklaus came desperately close to winning. He had, already that year, won the US Masters and the US Open.
"I got to Scotland in time for seven practice rounds," Nicklaus writes. "But I was over-influenced by my conserover-innucated by my conser-vative strategy in winning at Muirfield six years earlier. Fi-nally, going for everything, I reached six under par and I'm

dream ... the grand slam."

Nicklaus, however, took four
at the short 16th, He finished

Golf - How to Improve Your Game by Tommy Horton with Neil Elsey, allows one of the great ambassadors of British

with illustrations by Stan McMurtry, better known as the McMurry, better known as the Daily Mail cartoonist, MAC.

Natural Golf by Severiano Ballesteros with John Andrisani (Stanley Paul, £14.95); My Most Memorable Shots in the Majors by Jack Nicklaus with Ken Bowden (Stanley Paul, £12.95);

Millwall

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ticket offer

Millwall's supporters, whose riot at Luton four years ago led to the Kenilworth Road club's

ban on away supporters, will not be going back there in this season's FA Cup. Millwall said that if their home third round tie

with Luton on January 7 was drawn, they would not accept tickets for the replay. Instead, the game would be shown live on close circuit television at The

allocate 2,500 tickets to Milwall. After discussions with

Luton and the FA, Millwall declined the allocation on the

grounds that it would not be big enough to accommodate the supporters who would want to

Milwall's last visit to Luton, for a midweek FA Cup quarterfinal replay in 1985, ended with 
supporters invading the pitch. 
They were only cleared after a 
battle with police.

It led to Luton introducing their 100 per cent membership scheme, still the only one in the

country, which keeps visiting supporters out for first division

matches although not for cup

The Luton chairman, David

Evans, said: "We don't think

there will be a replay because we

intend to win. But we appreciate

executive, said: "Our two clubs have a very friendly relationship

now - both are very different

from what they were at the time of the 1985 trouble.

have done to rid themselves of

their previous reputation and we think that this is a typical example of the responsibility

Docherty, has called his first-team squad in for two extra days of training this week after the defeat by Everton in the Simod

deteat by Everton in the Simod Cup on Tuesday.

• David Capper, the assistant secretary at Stoke City, has been appointed secretary at Blackpool following the resignation of David Johnson, who is starting his own business.

• Martin Hodge, the Valence

cure the stomach muscle injury

of the season.

Hodge, aged 29, who joined Leicester for £200,000 from

played for the first team since that first match — against West Bromwich Albion. He is ex-

they show to the game," • The Miliwall manager, John

"We applaud what Millwall

John Smith the Luton chief

what Millwall have done."

# **Dubious decision** has no bearing on Scottish demise

From Roddy Forsyth

Scotland.

Scotland found the versatility and technical ability of Italy's developing World Cup final squad too great to be contained yesterday in a match which suggested that the Scottish coach, Andy Roxburgh, will continue to be frustrated by the lack of genuine class available to him in midfield.

If the new cap, Ferguson, of Rangers, was capable enough, McStay, of Celtic, was deeply disappointing. Although Scotland conceded an unfortunate penalty, there could be no real dispute about the merit of the

On an unseasonably mild and sunny afternoon, the start of proceedings was delayed for crowd of 25,600 to fill the trim Curi stadium. The usual Italian accompaniment of firecrackers and hooters attended the opening formalities, but there was a solemn pause in the cacophony for the observation of a minute's silence because of the air disaster at Lockerbie.

When the game eventually got underway there was an immediate flurry of activity around each goalmouth. Scotland showed first when Mac-Leod revealed uncertainty in the Italian defence with a high free kick which Berti muffled with a hazardous pass back to his goalkeeper.

Italy's reply was a corner on the right from which Maldini and then Screna delivered shots, the second of which was well clutched by Goram in the Scottish goal. Ten minutes elapsed with little further in-

#### Musical chairs for real

By Louise Taylor

The frequency and fluidity with which teams near the head of the second division keep swapping positions bears more than a passing resemblance to a Yaletide game of musical chairs, With a mere five points

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eparating the top six sides, the leading pack are too tightly bunched to give away many clues as to which of them will be in pole position when the music tops and festivities cease, let alone next May. Nevertheless, in a flicture list crammed with potential "six-pointers" the outencounters eventually could prove crucial.

The match at Stamford The match at Standord Bridge, where Ipswich Town are the visitors, looks like a prime example. While Cheises are two points behind Blackburn Rovers in second position, Ipswich are o comparatively modest nimb. Yet with the East Anglians only seven points adrift of their hosts.

the gap is deceptive.

John Duncan, the Ipswich manager, said: "There are maybe 15 clubs in our division who think they are in with a chance of promotion and we are entitled to feel one of them. It's a great division this year with so many teams so closely matched,

most every week. "We are not far adrift from the leaders but it could he vital for us to get three points from a big game like this. While it is rue that every game is worth a naximum of three points some we still bigger than others.

"Chelses are mature and aperienced, with internationals d big-name first division playnd big-name may contrast we to in their side. By contrast we ack the experience which can nly come with age but we do nly come with age but we do

The pair adopt alternative laying styles, although Ipswich re interspersing last season's hort-passing game with stermitment long balls, while helsea fall to conform to a ng-ball, percentage game

ercotype.

The form of the excitingly predictable Dalian Atkinson, the Ipswich attack, may termine the outcome of o atch which Duncan said will difficult but could go either ty. Its direction could be pendent on the success of ark, Humes and D'Avray in rugging off knocks for the st Anglisms and Hazard, arke and McLaughlin expleting recoveries from more injuries for the hosts. Nicholas, who is suspended.
in the day's top northern itch, Binckburn, the leaders, it a Loeds United side 14 ces and 12 points beneath m, seeking to establish concure and cohesion under ward Wilkinson, their man-a, but with half the season i in front of them.

nterest to the south of Watd Gap will inevitably be tred on events at Vicarage ad, where Watford (fifth) are some to Portsmouth (sixth) h both striving to regain the cted first division status they arded last spring. Vhile Alan Ball, the Ports-

ith manager, insists that his n are not among the "80 per nf sides who consciously scribe to the percentage ic, Steve Harrison, his opp mber has no such prefers about the direct approach

ractised by Watford. th are discovering slipping of football's elite is o far

a clear scoring opportunity.
From a quickly-worked free kick, McStay tried to force his

way into the Italian penalty area, only to find his progress halted by a wall of defenders, but the ball broke towards Aitken, whose shot from 25 yards forced Zenga to dive to his left and concede a corner. The Scots enjoyed the prin-

cipal share of possession, but provided little in the way of player injected a degree of promising supply for Gallacher or his forward part
Scots' efforts, but the match ner, Johnston, who was left limping after a series of tough challenges from Bergomi. As the half hour approached, the Italians at last began to impose themselves on the contest, which increased abruptly in pace as a result.

Serena forced Goram to save his close-range attempt, and then Giannini was unfortunate when he dismissively swept past Mac-Leod to deliver a dipping left-foot drive which swung over Goram, only to bounce off the

Giannini created further menace 10 minutes later when he emerged from the edge of the penalty area to strike a forceful drive which was taken

at full stretch by Goram. Scotland survived further hazard to reach half-time unscathed, but within two minutes of the restart they fell behind after an innocuous incident which resulted in a penalty. Giannini's cross appeared to catch Berti offside while Gough and Serena collided in pursuit of the ball. The French referee awarded a spot-kick to the considerable

dismay of the Scots. Giannini sent the ball low to Goram's right, but because three of his team-mates had

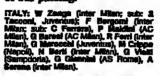
obliged to repeat the process. this time directing his kick to the left of the goalkeeper.

Although the Scots continned to apply themselves to the job in hand, their impotence in midfield was distressingly obvious, and it was no surprise when McStay was replaced by McClair 10 minutes mto the second half.

The Manchester United Scots' efforts, but the match finally drifted beyond their grasp with 20 minutes left to

play.
This time the architect was which Baresi, with a cross which allowed Crippa a powerful header. Goram did well to deflect the attempt high into the air, but he could then do nothing to prevent Berti from heading the rebound into the top corner for a goal which effectively ended the contest in disappointing fashion for

After the match Roxburgh said: "I was disappointed at the way the breakthrough was achieved by Italy. It came at a stage when we were settling into the game. The defeat was not down to our system but rather to flaws in individual performances and the quality



SCOTLAND: A Germa (Riberrient: R Gough (Rangers: sub: It Speedie, Cov-entry Chy), Milishpas (Dundes United), It Narry (Dundes United), A McLaish (Aberdeen), M MecLeod (Borussis Dort-mund), I Ferguson (Rangers; sub: S McClair, Munchester United), Milishaeton (Narties), H Altites (Celtic), K Galischer (Dundes United).

## Irish failure may lead to hard times

By Clive White

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Hungary 1, Northern Ireland 0; Spain 2,
Republic of treland 0; Make 2, Hungary 2,
Spain 4, Northern Ireland 0.

REMAINING MATCHER: 1989: Jen 22; Malta v Spain. Feb & Northern Ireland v Spain. Mer 8: Hungary v Republic of Ireland, Mer 22; Spain v Malta, Apr 12;

Hungary Malin, Apr 25: Melta v Northern treland; Republic of Ireland v Spain, May 28: Republic of Ireland v Malin, June 4: Republic of Ireland v Hungary, June 8: Members Tenand w Hungary, June 8:

recruism treams v mangery. Oct 11; Hungary v Spelin; Republic of Ireland v Northern freland. Nov 15: Spelin v Hun-gery; Malta v Republic of Ireland.

of the last eight to secure second

position. Two of those games are away, one of them against the Republic in Dublin in

October next year. It is a game which could decide the fate of

both the Irelands.
Only twice before in his nine-

year reign as manager has a selection of Billy Bingham lost

by as many as four goals. "He's

doing the best anyone could do

with the material he has," Cavan said. "We just live in hope. It looks impossible, but

There were no complaints from Northern Ireland about

their failure in Seville, despite

Britain's reputatinn for sportsmanship was upheld, notably when McClelland, the

could come to the attention of

pressed his concern to the Portuguese match inspector about four fireworks that he saw

thrown on to the field. The Irish

notably when McClelland, the Martin Hodge, the Leicester City goalkeeper, will be dispatched a bottle which had been thrown on to the pitch before it.

the referee. But Cavan, the former president of FIFA, ex-

conceding two own goals.

in the past."

ve surprised even ourselves.

Northern Ireland's conclusive defeat by 4-0 against Spain in Seville on Wednesday left them contemplating not only the end of their proud World Cup-qualifying record but worse still, their very existence as an inter-

As long as they were qualify-ing for major championships (they have reached both the last two World Cup finals), North-ern Ireland's financial position was a healthy one. Left to fend for themselves following the demise of the British champ-tonship, they now face the same sort of precurious lifestyle of those other poor relations of British football, the Weish.

With less than half a million pounds in the kitty they can ill afford to remain unsuccessful for long, not at the present day cost of running international teams. Harry Cavan, the presi-dent of the Irish Football Association, said: "It's going to be a tough task qualifying now, but if we can't, the loss will be quite substantial, something like

"We need to find another source of income. The obvious answer is a sponsor but it's very difficult trying to attract anyone when the team is not successful. Fortunately we have our re-serves. That's our rainy day

The international team are not the only ones who stand to lose. Northern Ireland's success in qualifying for Spain in 1982 and Mexico in 1986 enabled them to make pro rata contributions, ranging from £12,000 and £8,000 respectively to Irish club sides. Now it is the national team who are in need of help. It is going to take a remark-nble recovery by the Irish to qualify for group six, now that they have lost two matches and

dropped a point at home to the Republic of Ireland.

With their goal difference seriously disfigured by the maul-ing from Spain they may have to take as many as seven points out

were fined £1,500 for a missile incident when they played the incident when they played the Republic in Belfast in

Slough's chance to get even Non-League football by Paul Newman

While the race for promotion to the GM Vauxhall Conference becomes increasingly confused in the HFS Loans and Beazer Homes leagues, the Vauxhall-Opel League is in danger of

oper League is in danger or becoming a two-horse race. In the last month Faraborough Town and Slough Town have steadily drawn away from their rivals. Farnborough's 1-0 victory at third-placed Blsh-op's Stortford on Tuesday leaves them three points clear of Slough, who are six points in front of Stortford. Slough have two games in hand of Stortford and Famborough one.

A match in December could hardly be billed as n title decider, but Famborough's visit to Slough next Tuesday evening could be crucial for both clubs. The Vauxhall-Opel League's first attendance this season of more than 1,000 is expected since Slough's neighbours. Windsor and Eton, are playing in the afternoon.

However, Ted Pearce, Pamborough's manager, is play-ing down the significance of the match. "It's no more important than any of the other 42," he said yesterday. The champ-tonship is a long-distance race and we're not at the halfway

Farnborough have gone to the top despite a series of injuries they have yet to field their strongest team this season — and, despite having replaced more than all their rivals. Most Les Lawrence, than half their side in the significantly, Barrow, 10 points Town forward.

summer. Only two players, Turkington and Read, have made more than 100 appear-ances for the club. Read is the leading scorer, his 21 in 26 matches having taken his club tally to 80 in 128.

Having been formed only 21 years ago, Farnborough are cautious about the possibility of for which they would have to make some ground improvements. "It's an enormous step to make, and we would have to give it closer consideration in the New Year," Pearce said.

Slough definitely want to join the Conference but acknowledge that they too would have to make substantial ground they would have to extend their pitch, which would involve taking down and replacing terracing on two sides.

The club has set up a committee to investigate all the implications of promotion and Mervyn Jones, the chairman, We are determined to be ready if the chance comes along. It has always been our ambition to get into the Conference and our ultimate aim is Football League status."

In the HFS Loans League, at least 10 clubs are still in contention for the champ-

The situation is even more open in the Beazer Homes League, where Merthyr Tydfil, fourth from bottom, are only 13 points behind the leaders, Dartford, and have three games in hand. The team in the best

behind, have seven games in

form appears to be Dover Athletic, who in the last seven weeks have won nine out of 11 matches and scored 36 goals in the process. Dover are now five points behind Dartford with four games in hand. England have been invited to

play Italy in a semi-professional international in La Spezia on Sunday, January 29. The match is not necessarily seen as a replacement for the annual fournations tournament, for which a convenient date has yet to be found. John Mahoney, of New-port County, has been appointed manager of the Weish semi-professional team, who will play their annual fixture against England at Kidder-minster on March 21.

 Maidstone United have found the site on which they want to build a new stadium. The ing Dartford's ground this sea-son, wants to develop a councilowned site in the Sandling Road

area of the town. Aylesbury United have paid a club record fee of £10,000 for Les Lawrence, the Kettering

#### Penalty point: Serena looks up hopefully as he falls to the ground after colliding with Gough at the start of the second half MPs have time to ponder membership card scheme By John Goodbody

Members of Parliament, who left Westminster last night for the Christmas recess, will spend some of their holiday digesting a surfeit of information on the Bill for the national membership scheme, which will oblige football spectators attending League matches from the spring of 1990 to have identity cards.

The controversy over the Bill.

The controversy over the Bill, to be introduced to the Honse of Lords in the middle of January, will escalate further when it will escatate further when it reaches the House of Commons with the opposition parties and some Conservative MPs op-posed to the Prime Minister's plan to help stamp out football hooliganism.

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Both Colin Moynihan, the

Minister for Sport, and Tom

Pendry, the Labour MP for

Stalybridge and Hyde and chairman of the All-Party Football Committee, have sent circulars to MPs with their conflicting

arguments on the scheme.

The Government is determined to introduce identity cards, bearing the holder's photograph, because of the con-tinuing hooliganism in England, of the concentration of police resources, costing the texpayer an estimated £30 million a year. Moynihan lists the recommendations of the working party set up by the Prime Minister after the violence at the European championship in West Germany, stating that the costs of the scheme would he met by football itself.

He stresses that a leading card operator believes that there are opportunities for the commercial development of the scheme, which could lead to come for football rather than a

# content at Leicester

By Dennis Shaw

Gary McAllister, the Leicester City midfield player who has attracted the attention of several leading clubs, including Totten-ham Hotspur and Rangers, has pledged himself to the club's promotion campaign.
"Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to play in the first division for Leicester City," he said last night.

City," he said last night.

McAllister is one of several players whose form has blossomed in the 12 months since David Pleat became

Several leading managers, including Graeme Sonness (Rangers), Terry Venables (Spurs), and Brian Clough, of Nottingham Forest, have watched him this season and been impressed with his influential range of cities. been impressed with his mimential range of skills.

Leicester are known to value
McAllister, who turns 24 on
Christmas Day, in the sevenfigure bracket but Pleat is not
anxious to sell as he patiently

With long-term aims for the club in mind he was encouraged to hear his valuable player's philosophy as interested clubs ponder a possible new year deal, "The present I would like most of all would he six points form one two helides. Entered from our two holiday fixtures, he stressed. He added: "When I was R youngster I used to get double sifts under the Christmas tree. That's what I want now, two

Leicester play Bournemonth on Boxing Day and Blackburn on New Year's Eve, two games which could vastly boost Leicester's promotion potential. "If we could put together a run like last year when we lost only four games out of 20 after David Pleat became manager we would be in with a real chance. West Bromwich Albion

This club is waking up again.
I'm well aware of all the talk
about various clubs being interested in me but I know nothing about any definite offers and I'm perfectly happy to keep on working away at trying to win promotion."

have shown what can be

THIS SEASON'S TROUBLESPOTS

August 27: Southend v Bolton: Pitch invasion; 20 arrests (two for assault).

September 3: Portsmouth v Leeds: 24 arrests inside the ground, following fighting; nine arrests outside for criminal damage. September 16: Stockport v Burnley: 23 police injured after stone throwing at ground; 13 arrests. October 15: Shrawsbury v Walsalt: An asthma sufferer, aged 17, die

October 29: Middlesbrough v Milwell: Three people injured in attack by 200 supporters on 30 visiting supporters outside ground. Pub badly

November 19: Milwall v Newcastle: 53 ejections from ground; 20 arrests. Club offices attacked. November 19: Aldershot v Hayes: 16 arrests in ground and 20

November 26: Aston Villa v Birmingham City: Supporters clash in Birmingham city centre. A girt, aged 13, is detained in hospital suffering from concussion.

December 3: Millwall v West Ham: 24 arrests and 36 ejections from ground. Public house receives £5,000 worth of demage. Five policement and 12 supporters receive medical treatment. December 3: Fuffiam v Bristol Rovers: 100 Bristol Rovers supporters barricade themselves inside public house after being refused service; 12

December 11: Enfield v Cardiff City: 14 arrests, two ejections. Fighting between rival supporters outside the ground.

December 17: West Ham v Tottenham Hotspur: 22 errests, 70 ejections. Fighting holds up play. The British Transport police have recorded a further 322 incidents involving football-related offences.

The Minister denies that the 1.3 million arrests in Britain in among smaller League clubs, congestion at the turnstiles as spectators have their cards checked and that the violence

will be transferred from inside Pendry points out that the violence in football should be placed in the context of society as a whole. He states there wer

6,147 arrests at football matches

of the adult population. He thinks that even a delay of three seconds for each individual at the turnstiles will create massive problems at the gates and that more police officers, and not fewer, will be needed.

Pendry wants the courts to impose exclusion orders from grounds far more frequently than at present, stating that of the 6,147 arrests last season this

#### last season, or 0.03 percent of the 18 million supporters who option was only taken up on McAllister Thorstvedt able to challenge Mimms

long-awaited debut for Totten-ham Hotspur at home to Luton Town on Boxing Day. The Tottenham manager, Terry Venables has finally obtained the Football Association's sanction for the Norwegian goal-keeper to play after his £350,000 transfer from IFK Gothenburg was delayed several weeks by was delayed several weeks by red tape over international

Thorstvedt's papers arrived at the FA headquarters from Sweden yesterday and were rubber-stampted in time for him to challenge Bobby Mimms for the goalkeeper's jersey against. Luton.
Thorstvedt, aged 26 and

capped 51 times, was due to play in a reserve match with Millwall on Monday, but had to watch from the stands because his registration papers had not been passed on by the Swedish FA. one player denied a work permit by the Home Office is the Yugoslavian international, Mirko Lulic, whose transfer to Aston Villa has accordingly Aston Ville has accordingly been scrapped. The Dynamo Zagreb full back, who had a two-week trial period at Villa Parklast month, does not have sufficient international status, according to the Home Office, to qualify for a work permit.

Derek Mountfield is ready to permit a Villa defense in the

return to Villa's defence in the home match with Queen's Park Rangers on Boxing Day, The £425,000 former Everton centre half takes over from Martin Keown, who is banned after being sent off at Middlesbrough

Mountfield, who lost his place three weeks ago with a ham-

cisto 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgete insurance Cop: Trind round, second ing: Atherstone 2, Tamworth 1 (act, agg; 3-3; Atherstone won 5-4 on penaltica).

GREAT BILLS LEAGUE: Premier division to Tornington 0. Exmouth 2.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Westcatone 1. Gilling-term 5; Cambridge 3, Brentigre 1.

ESSEX SENDIR CUP: Second regard.

Coller Row 1, Leytonstone/Mord 3. CLAPMAN DISASTER FUND MATCH: Basingstoke 1, Bournemouth 2. CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield 1, Leeds 1; Nottingham Forset 4, Aston Ville 0; Sheffield United 6, Menchester United 1. Second divisions Bolton 1, Preston 0; Doncaster 1, Hull 5; York 2, Rotherham 5.

the last two games, but played this week when Villa went down I-0 to the Israeli national team

in Haifa CJohn Bumstead, the Chelses midfield player, has signed a two-and-a-half year contract which will keep him at Stamford Bridge until he is 32 in 1991. Buynstead, just recovered from a knee ligament injury, has been on weekly contracts since the

· Southend United have canestablishment of Chris Ramsey by mutual consent. The full back, a member of Brighton's 1983 FA Cup final team, has not been able to command a regular place at the third di-vision club since joining them from Swindon Town 18 months

® Rudi Hedman, Crystal Pal-ace's £40,000 signing from Col-chester United, is unlikely to make his first uppearance for Palace against Brighton on Box-ing Day. Palaceare likely to start with the side which drew against I and I lighted Leeds United.

• Nigel Pearson, Sheffleld Wednesday's centre half, has signed a new contract that ties him to the club until 1991. lan Knight, the defender, just recovered from n badly broken leg, has also signed a new contract, which keeps him Hillsborough until 1990.

five points clear at the top of the third division, will be without their central defender and cap-tain, Alastair Robertson, who is Rovers on Boxing Day. Nicky Clarke or Gary Bellamy will

#### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

WORLD CUP: Qualifying round: Group ab: Soein 4. Northern Iroland 0.
SM60D CUP: Second round: Middle-brough 2. Portsmouth 1 (set; 1-1 atter 80 min): Third round: Wimbledon 0, Derby County 0 (set; Wimbledon won 4-8 on penalties).

VANDHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division south: Feltham 3, Bansteed 0. WRS LOANS LEAGUE: First division Cup: First round: Accrington Starley 2, Radding 2. Southern section: Pelar-borough United 0, Northsmpton Town 2.

CLAPHAM DISASTER FUND MATCH: Basingstole 1, Boursmouth 2, Tameroth 1 (set; agg: 3-3; Atherstone 2, Tameroth 1 (set; agg: 3-3; Atherstone 5, Tommsmouth 2.

#### Graham is told to stay with manager

**BOXING** 

Herol Graham stormed out of Britain's boxing headquarters yesterday after losing his appeal to break from his manager, B J Eastwood.

The grim-faced British middleweight champion swept out of the Boxing Board of Control's offices in London and refused to comment after learning that appeal stewards had again rejected his attempt to be freed from a three-year extension of his contract with

Eastwood.

The Sheffield boxer, aged 29, could face the rest of his career working alongside a man with whom he is barely on speaking

Although Eastwood said last night he believed be and Graham could reconcile their dif-ferences and that he could still arrange a World Boxing Associ-ation title bout for Graham against Sumbu Kalambey, Gra-ham's syident anger supported ham's evident anger suggested they have a long way to go before re-establishing a working

The two men have been in bitter dispute for three months over television money that Graham claims he is owed. The ham claims he is owed. The champion lost his original appeal to break from Eastwood in October, and after yesterday's six-hour hearing, which both men attended, the Board secretary, John Morris, announced that Graham had not satisfied appeal stewards that there was good and sufficient reason for refusing to accept the extension. refusing to accept the extension of the contract.

The next move must lie with

The next move must lie with Graham, who is bound to Eastwood until October 1991.

Eastwood said: "All doors are open. If Herol wants to work with me, he can — I can work with anyone. If he wants the world title fight, he can have it.

"If he puts his affairs in order now, there's no ressen why it. now, there's no reason why it can't be arranged and there's no

reason why we shouldn't work together."
Morris said: "Herol Graham is very close to a world title challenge. The last thing he needs is any further problems outside the ring and I hope very much that it is possible for the parties to get together privately to resolve their partnership."

SKIING

#### Victory goes to Cambridge

Cambridge claimed victory in the Bladon Lines University

race after yesterday's giant sla-lom, proving the value of consistency, with only one faller to Oxford's two.

The men's overall title went to Crane-Robinson, of Oxford, In the women's event, Cam-bridge also tripped with bridge also triumphed with three fast times, although Fattorini, of Oxford, stole the combined title from Kearley with a three-second victory.

HESULTS: Men's overall combined fines: 1, M Crant-Robinson (Oxford), 2-16.82; 2, R Steel, 2.24.97; 3, R Swallow (Cambridge), 2-31.65. Women's overall combined times; 1, A S Fattorini (Oxford), 2-52.04, 2, S Koarley, 2-55.24.

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COSENZA: Under-21 internetional match: traly 8, Matta 0, DUTCH LEAGUE: PSV Einchoven 1, FC Groringen 9; Feyernoard 3, Sperta 2. PORTUGERSE CUP: Solubiel 2, Bonfilos 3; Estreia Amedora 1, Lebces 0; Porto 7, Barmarense 0; Lagos 0, Nacional Mindelar 1; Belenenses 7, Portalegresse 2; Maritimo 4, Oliveira do Bairro 0; Bruga 8, Oliveira do Bairro 0; Bruga 8, Oliveira do Bairro 0; Bruga 8, Oliveira Maccarida 0; Vizale 1, Farranse 0; Portinonense 2, Gil Wicarte 1; Viseu 3, Fresmunde 2; Beira Mar; 2; Cheérarina 0; Calvinarios 4; Argus 0, Bouvista 4; Sporting 11, Altandra 0; Calmera Lobos 1, Espirino 4. AC. DELCO CUP: Second roand, second segling Croydon 1, Chestiman 0 (act). CORFNZA: Under-21 fo

MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland Cavallers 115, Boston Celtics 114; Usin Jazz 88; Wastington Bullots 82; Misestucke Etects 112, Citariota Hornota 100; Near Jersey Neta 122, Mayericka 122; Sestilo Sonics 109, Minni Hest 101; Sen Antonio Spurs 128, Sacramento Kings 107.

EUROPEAN CHÁMPICHS CUP: Cuarter-finel group, their seatch: CSKA Moscow 70, bercolone 77.

NATWEST TROPHY: Cuarter-finelic Glasgow 94. Oldhem 59; Solent 102, Bracknell 101.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Hill Sessual Schools Feuraemes — Preliminary round: St Bees 3, Sedburgh C; St Anseninis 3, Rossati 0; CEGS Waterlad S, Loude GS 3; Fizires GS, Oldhem 0, Bratilioti GS 2, Fizires GS, Oldhem 0, Bratilioti GS 2, Fizir round: Luncing 3, Duletch C; Morranouth 1, Chirst College, Bracon 2; Bradfield 2, Orasid 1; Winschafe 3, Wellington C; King's Misschaffeld 0, Merchant Vellington 0; King's 'sylors', Crosby 3.

BUTTERMEN ANDOOR LEAGUE: First di-vision: Southgate 7, Faireham 5; Brontley 9, Tulse HB 3.

JCE HOCKEY MATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buttero Sebres 5, New York Rangers 2: Pittsburgh Penguins 6, Toronto Maple Leafs 1. MOSCOW: Excepte townersent: Soviet Union 8, Czechoelovekia 1.

CLUB MATCH: Cross Keys 10, Neath 60. SCOTTISH COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: D

SKIING BERRE CHEVALIER: BPSA Alpha Sid Championshipe: Mace 1. O Brown (Plymouth Poly), 1:16.94. 3. T Jones (Plymouth Poly), 1:16.94. 3. T Jones (Plymouth Poly), 1:16.94. 3. T Jones (Plymouth Poly), 1:16.93. 5. A Cook (Bristol Poly), 1:25.05. Worsac: 1. S Boppar (Bristol Poly), 1:25.05. Yoursac: 1. S Boppar (Bristol Poly), 1:25.25. 3. K Stil (Lands Poly), 1:31.07. 4. J Donner (Bouthbank Poly), 1:33.05. 5. M Brand (Plymouth Poly), 1:33.69. **TENNIS** HESTON: British Wossen's Texnis Association Caristones tournament: Sent-fisable: L Gould (Essen) bt T Catin (Carrier), 6-2, 6-0, J Louis (Devor) bt V Lake (Devor), 5-7, 6-3, 6-1, Final: Louis bt Gould, 6-1, 6-3.

Proposal refused Milford, the Leeds amateur club, have turned down n pro-posal from Swinton to switch

preliminary round home tie on January 15 to Station Road, Milford have decided to stage

# Trust makes approach to take over Tote

The Jockey Club and the Racecourse Association (RCA) have made direct approaches to the Tote to take over its operation in return for £10 million in cash and a further £10 million in lowinterest loans, to be repaid over 10 years.

The Times learnt yesterday that a committee chaired by John Henderson, a Jockey Club member and the Cheltenham racecourse chairman, is proposing the creation of a British Racing Trust, which would be run by a board of eight trustees, including an

It is suggested that the



**BOOKMAKERS** Racehorse Owners' Associ-ation (ROA) would have two entatives each, and Lord

of the Tote, would also be a trustee "since we believe that a full understanding of the Tote's aims and activities will enable the trestees to carry out their tasks better," the committee says in its report.

having watched the race- Racing Trust seems to have suggests: "If there was a courses award the satellite been a Jockey Club initiative. possibility of control over the broadcasting contract to a bookmaker-inspired company, the Jockey Club might have felt it was being driven to-wards an initiative of its own to procure a stake in the Tote, and at least a minor share of the nation's £3.1 billion anand betting turnever.

In September, the Home Office asked Lloyds Merchant Bank to undertake a feasibility study on the privatization of the Tote, and the team is expected to report early in 1989. Representatives of Lloyds

have been collecting evidence, interviewing interested parties and attending race meetings. With no ultimate control and attending race meetings, over Levy Board funds and but the move to set up a British

The Tote is owned by no one. It was founded in 1928 and three years later Tote Investors Limited (TIL) was set up to channel off-course bets to the Tote on the in receipt of £3 million per racecourses, in return for a

TIL and set up betting offices an Act of Parliament in 1972 to allow it to offer starting prices and compete with its bookmaking rivals. The Tote board is appointed by the Home Office, although the organization has never received financial support from

**Spitting** 

costs

**Dennis** 

£1,000

By Dennis Signy

Mark Dennis, the Queen's Park Rangers defender, was fined £1,000 yesterday by a

Football Association disci-

plinary commission but he

escaped a further suspension

when he faced his sixth charge

of bringing the game into

After a three-hour hearing

at Lancaster Gate to consider

the conflicting evidence of

how Dennis came to be sent

off in a reserve team match

against Fulham on December

6, the fine was announced by

Graham Kelly, the chief exec-

He said: "From the evi-

dence adduced, the members

of the commission are sat-

isfied that Mark Dennis is

guilty of misconduct and they imposed a fine of £1,000 and

an order for him to pay the

The commission - Jack

Hayward (Essex FA), Bill Fox,

the chairman of Blackburn

Rovers, and Leslie Kew (Bris-

tol City) - decided against an

additional suspension for Dennis on top of the auto-

matic three-match ban he is

Dennis, who asked for a

personal hearing, has 14 days

to appeal against the fine from

the date of the letter of

The referee, Colin Peake,

sent Dennis off for the twelfth

time in his 10-year career for

spitting at Leo Donnellan, who was also sent off for

Kelly said the charge of dis-

repute was brought "because

the FA feels this particular

offence is unsavoury and ev-

cry effort must be made to

stamp it out. This is a warning

to players not to indulge in

that particular offence. Only

of Paul Miller, who was not brought before the FA after he

had been sent off when play-

ing for Charlton Athletic,

Kenny Sansom, Arsenal's for-

mer England international full

back, flew to the north-east

last night hoping to finalize a move to Newcastle United. A

deal is expected to be com-

pleted in time for the experi-

enced defender to make his

debut in the game against Sheffield Wednesday at

Hillsborough on Boxing Day.

reached a provisional agree-ment late on Wednesday, the

transfer was placed in some jeoperdy yesterday after a

disagreement over the size of the transfer fee.

The problem was resolved

Although the two clubs had

Questioned about the case

time will tell if it succeeds."

confirmation from the FA.

cost of the hearing."

utive designate of the FA.

disrepute.

Tote passing to 'outside' shareholders, the very future of pool betting would be put at risk to the detriment of Britain's 59 racecourses, correctly annum from the Tote.

"It is our belief that any In 1962, the Tote acquired scheme involving outside equity investment should be rejected. The inevitable conflict of interests between the demands of racing and those of outside shareholders would be difficult to reconcile.

The proposal has the backing of the HAC, which will come as a surprise to the rankand-file of the industry. The composition of the proposed board of trustees inevitably

The Jockey Club has no jurisdiction over matters of betting and has never expressed a wish to enjoy that power. The privatization of the Tote may have been regarded by them as being their final opportunity to utilize finals provided by betting.

However, giving two places on the board to racehorse owners is provocative, not least to the largest section of the industry, the penters, who have only one voice on the

Initiative should always be praised, but the offer to set up a British Racing Trust on the terms outlined is unlikely to

will be regarded as elitist, and impress the Lloyds Bank cannot be said to represent the assessors. If privatization was sought as a means to finance future expansion, the Tote would require a considerably larger injection of capital, up to, perhaps, £50 million to make the exercise worthwhile.

smaller sums of capital on the strength of its 125 high street betting shops, which have an estimated value of up to £70

# Tour scrapped and England cricket isolated

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

cricket, as it has survived for where, even if it proved generations, was dealt further grievous damage yesterday as New Zealand, reluctantly but inevitably, called off the scheduled spring tour by

What they were saying, beneath the bald regret of their statement, is that they could neither afford to foot the bill for a financially doomed programme nor take the risk of political activists sabotaging cricket late and he knows he the tour and threatening the country's future in other sporting fields. England, in consequence, slipped deeper into isolation.

From Lord's yesterday there was "disappointment but aot surprise." Privately, officers of the Test and County Cricket Board have been resigned to abandonment since Pakistan's late change of heart, last week, over the proposed triangular limited overs series,

Now, at long last, there is also a sensible acceptance that no good can come from the demeaning pursuit of any further substitute trips. Alan Smith, chief executive of the Board, confirms that it is no longer thought practical for

attend an inquiry into in-

next month by the British

Christie, whose urine con-

tained a small quantity of

pseudo-ephedrine, a stimu-lant, after he finished fourth in

the 200 metres, was com-pletely cleared by the Inter-

national Olympic Committee

following his explanation that

he had inadvertently taken the

drug in Korean ginseng, the

Christie, the winner of two

silver medals in Seoul, the

modern pentathletes, Richard

Phelos and Dominic Mahony,

and Kerrith Brown, the judo

fighter, have been asked to

Pheips and Mahony were

with

A prize

question

of sport

football and rugby.

Olympic Association

The fabric of international the tour party to travel else- certainty has dragged on for possible. For that, at least, we now this one." should be grateful.

The news that this is now officially a winter off, on part-pay, was greeted with mixed feelings by the England captain, Graham Gooch, He said: "It is disappointing, especially for those who would have been going on their first tour. At least one of those, John Childs, has come to Test may not have many more

"On the other hand, I must say I feel a sense of relief, what we are doing. The un-



Gooch: mixed feelings

A BOA spokeswoman said:

under any obligation to at-

tend. We will not be raking

over old coals. We want to

look forward to discover the

views of the competitors and

officials on how the drugs question should be ap-

The committee will be

headed by Sir Arthur Gold,

chairman of the association

Roy Evans, a past president of the International Table Ten-

nis Federation, and Dr Neil

Townshend, a former luge

the Winter Olympics.

competitor and team doctor at

The committee will have

two meetings, one to establish

its terms of reference and the

proached in future."

Christie asked to

Olympic inquiry

Linford Christie, who was at unspecified substance. Brown

the centre of a drug con- was stripped of his lightweight

troversy at the Olympic bronze medal after being pos-

Games, has been asked to itive for furosemide, a diuretic

cidents in Scoul being held "None of the competitors are

months, with first the Indian tour being in question and

Gooch's South African contacts, and those of half the other chosen players, have been central to the chaos of this winter. They will also be central to the looming debate on South Africa at next month's critical meeting of the International Cricket Con-

Like every other English player, Gooch is still hoping for a solution to the issue which would allow the resumption of full Test relations without restricting the off-sesson movement of crick-

"Officially, under all cricketing agreements, we are all bone fide players now, yet still we have countries who won't entertain us because their Governments won't allow it. Some attitudes are bound to harden over what has happened this winter.

"Even if there is a sensible compromise at the ICC meeting, what is to stop the same thing happening in the future? It is a very worrying time for all players, especially the

# Crellin to contest

By Keith Macklin

Jim Crellin, the coach of the second division club, Rochdale Town v Hornets match.

Crellin said: "I have always been an advocate of fair play No way will I pay the fine.

"The League held a kan-garoo court by not inviting me to speak in my own defence. I the League to the High Court

referees and spoken out pub-licly this season without

"A warning should have been given before the new code

# fine by RL

Hernets, yesterday said he would defy the Rugby League and refuse to pay a £250 fine for publicly commenting about the referee in the Workington

"Other coaches have abused

#### second to interview doctors, Gag on criticism, page 30 officials and competitors. Higgins plays under new management

troublesome player, was yes-terday "transferred" from Brighton to Glasgow. World champion in 1972 and 1982, the "Hurricane" has been signed for £75,000, by a new sporting management venture headed by the former Celtic

Alex Higgins, snooker's most naments and fined £12,000 for head-butting a senior official of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association. The relationship ha never truly prospered and at the beginning of this season, Kruger shunted Higgins aside into a private management

game with Northamoton on New Year's Eve.



mittee decided not to proceed.

Miller was subsequently trans-

Dennis, who was repre-sented by Peter Ellis, a QPR

director, was hurried away in a

taxi with Fred Luff, a security

adviser at the club, at his side

to prevent him commenting.

Ellis, who was 10 yards away on the touchline when

Dennis was sent off, repeat-

edly said "no comment" as he

ferred to Watford.

around £300,000.

senior game all season

Sansom, who has won 86 full international caps, de-manded in March that Gra-

ham publicly declare whether

or not he still had a future at

Highbury. His outburst was

construed by Graham as being

SPORT IN BRIEF

Kelly said the club took action Tony Ingham, a fellow direc-and the disciplinary com-tor, left in another taxi.

after a series of discussions not only petulent, but disloyal;

forehand to defeat Lisa Gould 6-1, 6-3, in the British women's tennis association Christ-

mas event final at Heston.

Sansom move is imminent **Back ends** season for

Staying silent: Dennis is hustled away from Lancaster Gate after the hearing yesterday

Ray Lewington, the Fulham

player-manager, accompanied Donnellan to Lancaster Gate.

He said that they had enjoyed

a fair hearing. The referee

Dennis was also accompa-

nied by Peter Shreeves, the

Rangers assistant manager,

who was at the reserve match.

reactions from any side, the

feeling must be that Dennis

has escaped relatively lightly

considering his record of 12

diamissals and 68 cantions.

Although there were no

would not comment.

The fine means, however,

that Trevor Francis, the

player-manager, will not have

to make a decision on the

Francis and Dennis were

colleagues at Birmingham City and it is likely that the

defender will regain his place

the FA Cup on January 7.

Anderson

The troubled season of Viv

back operation to remove a damaged disc and will not be

able to resume training until

Earlier this week Anderson

was fined £750 and suspended

for one game after a Football

Association disciplinary in-quiry found him to be guilty of

May at the earliest.

Dennis's future or to decide if

further suspension.

between Jim Smith, the he was stripped of the club Newcastle manager, and captaincy. George Graham, his Arsenal Sansom asked to be placed counterpart. Sansom, aged 30, on the transfer-list during the is now expected to move to St close season, and upon his return from the European James' Park for a fee of championship finals in West The transfer will bring to an Germany last summer, end a period of immense discovered that he had lost his regular left back berth to Nigel Winterburn. personal disappointment for Sansom, who has not played a

Newcastle yesterday com-pleted the signing of Ray Ransom, a right back, from Birmingham City for a fee of £140,000. Norwich City last night

completed the signing of the Oldham Athletic defender, Mike Flynn, for £100,000.

Lloyds agrees

ground for their Silk Cut Challenge Cup first round tie against fellow amateurs, Thatto Heath, on January 29.

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It is capable of raising

The racecourses, which provide the facility for Tote betting, should be capable of raising substantial funding through the extra £6 million a year they are receiving from Satellite Information Services.

More racing, page 29

The annual shuffle of the drivers pack is nearly over and, for once, the British have had a fair deal. Johnny Herbert to Benetton, Martin Brundle to Brabham, Nigal Mansell to Ferrari and Jonathan Palmer and Derek Wanniek etaxima with Turnell and Derek Wanniek etaxima with Turnell and Defender avoids ban on sixth disrepute charge

wick staying with Tyrrell and Arrows respectively. When the action starts in Rio at the end of March, the British will have as strong a hand as they have had he nearly a decade. But the cards have not fallen so kindly far another British driver, after one dismal season at the bottom end of the pit road, Juliao Bailey must feel as if he has been magned and left for

END COLUMN

Italian's

gain is

Bailey's

loss

By Andrew Longmore.

that Michele Albareta, the

Italian Formula One drives,

has rejoined the Tyrrell Race

ing Organization for men

year's grand prix season. He

first drove for Tyrrell in 1984.

The annual shuffle of the

A year ago, Bailey sold his pab in Hertfordshire, raided the piggy banks of his units sponsors, Braemar and Casendish Finance, and came up with the half million pounds necessary to get a drive with the Tyrrell team. Of that, £280,000 was his own and his brother's money. Bailey was la Formula One and that was

#### He knew that he would not win

When I spoke to him then he was trying hard to be realistic. He knew he was not going to win races, but if he could be competitive, show all his ability to the right people and what happened? He more often than not failed to qualify and, it was announced yesterday that he had been replaced by Alboreto. He says he carned nothing from his

season in Formula One. Typically, because he has never had anything given to him in his life, Builey is not manning about his misfortune. But when a grand prix car costs £3 million in development, parts and labour, when top teams are spending when top teams are spending over £30 million a season and mid-grid outfits £8-£10 milion, the accountants rule. Very few teams can afford the luxury of picking their drives on talent alone. And Alborete could bring more sponsorship to the Tyrrell team.

Builey understands such logic — at last a lot better than he did a year ago. But he must reflect that few sports can match Formula One motor racing for the feudality of its pay structure. The difference he is a liability because of a in income between the front and the back of a grand prix grid is close to £3 million. In last season's league table, the world champion, Ayrton Senna, was reputedly paid £2.7 million by McLareain the side to play at Old Trafford against Manchester United in the third round of Honds, Prost £2 million, Berger £1.9 million, Mansell, £1.8 million — rising to £3 million with Ferrari in 1989, Alboreto, £1.3 million, Boutsen, £600,000, Nannini, £400,000.

At the bottom of the table came the novices, the first-timers, who maybe got a few expenses when everyone else had been paid. Or maybe not.

Not much is heard

bringing the game into disrepute in an incident "The team m involving John Fashanu, the patting up the prices. First Wimbledon forward, after a they wanted half-a-million Littlewoods Cup match at pounds then they wanted one million pounds," he said. Few drivers break out of that bringand-bay stranglehold.

So where does all this leave That experience alone will enable him to earn good money

fortune to be won if you rose up the grand prix grid. "It's high risk investment," admits Hailey, "but I'd make the same decision now as I would have done 12 months ago." Has

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Anderson, the Manchester United defender, ended last of young drivers night (Ian Ross writes). Anderson, who has made only one full senior appearance in the past six months, has had a

Not that much is heard about the less ritzy end of the Formula One street where young drivers with suitcases full of money hustle for vacaucies up and down the pit lanes. At Monza this seas the Mexican, Josele Garcia, was doing the rounds. The first question, he said, was always the same: how much money do you have?

one partly used grand prix driver? Roughly back where he was 12 months ago, looking for money, looking for a drive. Except that Bailey is now a year wiser and, after a season spent trying to get outo the last row of the grid, a year tougher. outside Formula One. But Bailey is still hopeful of hijacking one of the remaining seats in Formula One, possibly with the First team.

anyone out there get £1 million

Richards Plough Lane last month. manager and Scottish inter-Anderson still faces a sec-Tomorrow The Jeremy Lloyds, the national footballer, David ond disrepute charge, over The Belfast-born Higgins Times features the Gloucestershire all-rounder, recovers allegations he made in his aged 39, reached the final of the Rothmans Grand Prix in Higgins thus leaves Howard has accepted a further two-Christmas sports autobiography.
"We had been hoping that Kruger's Brighton-based Leicester have included Dean year contract with the club, jumbo crossword, with October, losing to Steve Davis, but his off-table activities Framework snooker team, Richards, the England No. 8, Philip August, the Gloucester-Viv would be able to comexciting prizes from with only two months of his in their side to play the shire secretary, said he is also mence light training in the not optimistic that the deposed contract still to run, Kruger have kept him more in the Barbarians in the annual Whitbread. too distant future, but after captain, David Gravency, will having failed to fulfil the public eye in recent years and Christmas seeing a specialist it was Plus our selection of pledge he made when signing last week he was involved in nextWednesday. agree to stay with the club. decided that an operation was the Quotes of the Year Higgins in 1986 when he litigation over maintenance Richards, who was injured needed. It is obviously bitterly from the world of said:"We are going to clean up arrears and tax arrears. This in the divisional game bedisappointing news, both for the club and for the player 56 m contract week he was bound over in the tween the Midlands and Alex's act." sport. One of his first roles as sum of £300 by magistrates in London on Saturday, will take Brussels (AP) - Donnay Inter-Plus an extract from himself," Alex Ferguson, the manager of the game's most Manchester to keep the peace his place in the team subject to national SA, the Belgian ten-United manager, said. Benny Green's new flamboyant player was to see after an altercation with his a fitness check in training. nis racket maker, yesterday signed Andre Agassi, of the United also have their secbook, A History of Hipgins banned for five tour- girlfriend. Cusworth, who went off dur-Havard bout ond-choice goalkeeper, Gary ing the same divisional match. Cricket. United States, on a five-year, has recovered to play stand-off half in a XV which includes Walsh, out of action for at Floyd Havard, the British On Monday The **Police question Webbe** \$6 million contract in a bid to least two months with a stress super-featherweight chamrevive its flagging fortunes. Times presents the full fracture of his right foot. The Welsh rugby interviewed by police last night and national, Glea Webbe, has released without being been questioned by police charged, but is expected to about an alleged assault. face further questioning next Police are making inquiries week.

Into an incident following a Webbe has won 10 caps for burgiary at the Bridgend wing's home in Cardiff.

Webbe, aged 26, was interviewed by police last night and national, and the series of injury. six internationals. pion, will defend his title against Pat Doherty in Aberavon on January 25. Steve MacMahon, the Livguide to all eight race erpool midfield player, has Centre game Home tie meetings, with an been breathalysed after a car exclusive betting offer Simon Halliday, the England Louis victory Barrow Island have been crash. He was tested after his centre, has started training from William Hill given permission by the car hit a wall in Scarisbrick, Jo Louis used her powerful again with Bath, six weeks Rughy League to use their own Plus a special preview Lancashire, early on Tuesday after damaging knee ligaments morning. McMahon was not of the Boxing Day at Moseley. He will play in the